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President summons Shevardnadze to White House

Reagan talks tough in row over Daniloff

President Reagan remonstrated with

Mr Shevardnadze about the detention in Moscow of Nicholas Daniloff affair with the Chernobyl disaster

President Reagan unexpect-edly called Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, to the Oval Office yesterday to remon-strate forcefully about the continued detention of the american journalist, Mr Nicholas Daniloff, on

'trumped up" spying charges. The unscheduled encounter came at the end of the opening session of two days of critical talks between Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Shevardnadze, who are trying to avoid even greater damage to superpower relations caused by the Daniloff affair.

The two ministers met with only their interpreters for nearly three hours while their respective delegations sat in an ante-room awaiting a plenary session. Mr Shultz then telephoned the white house and asked if Mr Reagan wanted to meet Mr Shevardnadze immediately. The White House said Mr

Reagan planned to give some "straight talk" on the Daniloff case, and to underscore human rights issues when he

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Meanwhile, the price of gold

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over 1 pfennig to DM 2.94.

hit a four-year high, rising \$10.25 to \$430 an ounce.

Resign threat

Peter Roebuck, the Somerset

captain, has threatened to

resign from the club if the two

West Indians, Viv Richards

and Joel Garner, dismissed last month, are reinstated.

Roebuck's move comes as

Somerset prepare to vote on

the issue at an extraordinary

Funeral plea

Two thousand mourners who

packed the Holy Cross Catholic Church at Ardoyne for the

funeral of Mr Raymond Moo-

ney, aged 32, the lay worker

shot by masked men on

Tuesday, heard a peace appeal by the Catholic Bishop of

Spend today

A pension can be used for day-

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White House talks to try to prevent greater damage to superpower relations

Security Conference was furious about Washington press leaks

• Izvestia bitterly attacked Sir Gelf-

them over dinner and to resume early this morning. The stakes are immensely

high. The outcome could have

grave implications for broader East-West relations, including

crucial areas of arms control.

In important moves in the

past few days, the Administra-tion has attempted to dem-

onstrate its readiness to be

flexibile in arms negotiations. First, it indicated that it may

be prepared to accept a Soviet

suggestion that only a token number of intermediate-range

missiles be kept in Europe. The limit suggested by Mos-cow is far below earlier US

proposals to allow 420 me-

dium-range nuclear warheads.

The US is also believed to be

willing to make new proposals on strategic and space

Additionally, as arms talks resumed in Geneva on Thurs-

day, some officials said the

Administration has decided to

back away from a proposal for

an immediate 50 per cent cut in US and Soviet ballistic

From Christopher Thomas, Washington addresses the United Nations noon, with plans to continue General Assembly in New them over dinner and to

York on Monday. He is now obviously determined to demonstrate a tougher stand in order to placate right-wing Republicans who have complained bitterly that the Administra-



Mr Alexander Belonogov, Soviet Ambassador to the UN, condemning the US in New York yesterday.

tion is being outwitted by the Soviet Union; that the US is being too soft; and that it should abandon all discussion about a summit until the case is resolved.

The Shultz-Shevardnadze talks resumed yesterday after-

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze (right), the Soviet Foreign Minister, arriving yesterday at Andrews Air Force Base to be met by the US Ambassador to Moscow, Mr Arthur Hartman.

Express trains in head-on crash

Two passenger express trains crashed head-on on the Liverpool to London main line near Rugeley, Staffordshire, last night.

At least one person was feared dead and many were trapped with serious injuries when the 5.20pm Liverpool to Euston and 4pm Euston to Manchester trains collided at

the village of Colwich.

Fifty firemen in 10 appliances rushed to the scene of the collision and began! attempting to cut victimes. from the wreckage.

A fire brigade spokesman said: "There are a large numiber of people with migor-injuries, and an unspecified number with serious injuries, and there are people trapped."

TSB stags. face fines

Hundreds of applicants for Trustee Savings Bank shares have been breaking the rules by sending in multiple applications and could face

fines of up to £8,900.

Peat Marwick Mitchell, the

"The miscreants are using all the combination of tricks multiple applications, Mr James Conway, one of the accountants responsible for

putting in applications for the dog, the cat and the goldfish. or using different addresses under the same name.

name and address on each." when the flotation is com-pleted, but the decision to

Breakthrough for US scientists

for Aids victims

Scientists working in 12 medical centres throughout the United States have reported a significant breakthrough in the treatment of the disease Aids.

An experimental drug, azidothymidine, known as AZT, has had such dramatic success in trials at the 12 centres that the experimental programme is to be terminated. All eligible Aids patients will now be given the drug.

Public health officials and

representatives of the drug company that developed AZT emphasized yesterday that the new anti-viral agent did not immediately offer help to all those dying of the disease. "AZT is not a cure for Aids.

Although the study results show great promise for prolonging life, uncertainties remain. Dr. Robert Windom of the National Institutes of Health said.

But the success of the trials is such that many doctors taking part raised ethical questions about whether it was to withhold the dri from those patients receiving

placebo tablets in the tests. The trials have used patients with pneumocystis pneumonia (PCP), one of the most common causes of death among people whose diseasefighting capacity has been

destroyed by the Aids virus.
Since April 280 patients
have received drugs from the
research team at Burroughs-Wellcome, which is doing the development work, but 140 of them were a control group who received placebos. The lives of those treated with AZT have been prolonged considerably.

Drug brings hope

Now the drug will be made available, under clinical supervision, to all Aids patients suffering from PCP. Dr David Barry, vice-president for research at Burroughs, said. This is estimated to involve 6.000 people. As yet patients in whom Aids manifests itself other ways, such as Kaposi's Sarcoma, a skin can-

cer, are not to be included. Aids has been diagnosed in 24.000 Americans, about half

Drug guard

of whom have died. But scientists suspect that the virus now infects as many as two million people who have not yet displayed any symptoms. Advances in treatment have been limited to dealing with the secondary diseases that Aids causes. The new drug is the first to deal with the Aids virus more directly.

The most recent research, which indicates that Aids may be a number of viruses workation, confirms in combin that when it enters the body it seeks to inject itself into certain cells, chiefly the immune defence cells known as T cells. There it commandeers each cell's machinery to make copies of itself, eventually killing the cell. The copies

then invade other cells. AZT is a fraudulent thymidine which acts in a similar way. But its crucial difference is that it can link up at only one end of a genetic chain. When it is added to a lengthening chain of reproduction by the Aids virus it referred not to their engines suddenly terminates the but to an earlier unmodified duction by the Aids virus it

Chirac puts ban

on Paris protests

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris

Accident Next week legacy My fight 'greater

safety' By Peter Davenport

Improved safety standards will be the legacy of the Manchester air disaster. Mr Colin Marshall, the chief executive of British Airways said vesterday at the end of the inquest on the 55 passengers

and crew who died. British Airways had introduced many of the changes of recommendation outlined during the 10-day inquest in Manchester, he said. Mr Marshall was speaking

after the jury had returned verdicts of accidental death on all 53 passengers and two stewardesses who died on on August 22 last year when smoke and flames engulfed a British Airtours Boeing 737 after a "catastrophic explosion" in the port engine. The Pratt and Whitney engine involved had been and still is regarded as one of the most reliable in the world. The

rupture of a combustor can which triggered the events was unprecedented. Mr Marshall added: "The coroner explained that the engine failure in the Manches-

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ter accident was more than a many millions to one chance." He added:"However, we have noted his statement that there is no blame that can be attached to anyone for the accident particularly with regard to the state of knowledge at that time."Mr Marshall outlined six changes made to the fleets of British Airways and its subsidiary British

Airtours: • Replacement combustion chambers on Boeing 737 aircraft are all new units.

 Pilots will stop aircraft on the runway to assess a problem, rather than attempt to pull clear. Pilots have also been told to take into consideration any wind and its possible effect on a fire. • Modifications have been made to doors to make sure the jamming which occurred at Manchester cannot happen

 British Airways engineers have pioneered methods of examining combustion ch bers on Boeing 737s using Xray and Boroscope tests.

• The airline was the first to order fire-blocking fabric for aircraft seats.

• The airline is continuing to work for a design for pas-

senger smoke hoods. During the inquest evidence was given that Pratt & Whitney, the engine makers, had issued letters about possible problems in the combustion chambers of the JT8D. Airline officials told the coroner that

they had believed those letters

version.

EXCLUSIVE

against Militant: by Robert Kilroy-Silk



Starting on Monday, The Times carries the first authentic account of how the Militant Tendency tried to oust Robert Kilroy-Silk from his safe Labour constituency.

Day by day, his diary shows:

how a fellow MP offered him the option of standing down or being blacklisted

how Militant set out to take control by packing committees

how his supporters faced physical intimidation

how he felt betrayed by **Parliamentary** colleagues

how he reached the decision to resign his seat



It is Kilrov-Silk's own, intimate diary of the plotting, the threats and the patronage that gave Militant the run of Merseyside politics

All next week in The Times

Continued on page 20, col 8 **US envoy furious** over talks leaks

West agreement since the signing of the Salt 2 treaty in 1979 was being worked out.

dermined his negotiations.

"There is nothing worse for record," Mr Barry said.

that of the head of the Soviet delegation, Mr Oleg Grinevsky, who swapped jokes with journalists before rejoining last minute negotiations. Mr Grinevsky referred to disputes over Western inspection of military activities in

the Soviet Union and asked: "What difference does it make if the inspectors use a Volga or

ing problems to be solved and for the conference to finish on time. The US was reported to have agreed to a compromise on the issue of aircraft to be used by inspectors of military

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Mr Robert Barry, head of the United States delegation, was furious about press leaks in Washington on US concessions, which he said had un-

a negotiator than to see his instructions published in the newspapers before he gets them. I am madder than hell and that is very much on the His mood was in contrast to

a Land-Rover". He said he expected remain-

Mr Barry's position, as re-

Acrimony unexpectedly being inspected could supply blighted the final day of the Stockholm Security Conference yesterday as the fine print to the first major East-

This would allay US fears shown only what the Russians wanted them to see in flights over Soviet territory.

The other issue hindering an agreement as yesterday's midnight deadline approached was the size of military manoeuvres that should be notified in advance.

Soviet Union appeared willing to drop its previous insist-ence on a ceiling of participation by 16,000 troops and was said to be approaching the 10,000 figure suggested by the

"This is a delicate issue," said a smiling Mr Grinevsky, "but I don't see it as catastrophic. I believe we will be able to find a solution. We have every possibility of finishing this conference on time." He said the expulsion of

Soviet diplomats from the US had not created a favourable atmosphere at Stockholm. "But here we have the good-will of the Europeans," he said smiling mischieviously.

The Stockholm agreement will aim at lessening the risk of war in Europe. Its major achievement is that the Soviet Union has agreed for the first time to allow Western inspecported in Washington the day before, was now that the state check on military activity. tors onto its territory to keep

By Richard Thomson **Banking Correspondent**

criminal prosecution with

accountant checking multiple applications on the £1.5 billion issue, said yesterday that it expected to find hundreds more before the offer closes on September 24. The offer is expected to attract millions of applications after intense public interest.

you can think of for disguising investigating suspects. Typical ruses include

"But there are some simple

ones," Mr Conway added. "One individual simply sent in two forms with the same The suspected cases will be investigated further by PMM prosecute lies with the bank

wanted because the Energy

Department would not like it. Mr Walker is expected to

make a statement following

tomorrow's Sunday Times ex-

Sir lan is even more critical

tract from the book.

Ministers the spate of bomb attacks in the French capital

which began a fortnight ago. In a deliberate display of national unity in the face of the crisis, M Chirac earlier called in the leaders of the five main political parties to dis-

cuss the Government's antiterrorist plans. Following the separate meetings. M Jean-Marie le Pen, leader of the extreme right-wing National Front Party, said M Chirac had told him that all public demonstra-

tions are to be banned. M le Pen had planned a public demonstration next Monday to protest against the

terrorist bombings.

Meanwhile,new "wanted" posters were circulated to police forces throughout France yesterday, bearing the photographs of four of the brothers of Georges Ibrahim

President Mitterrand of Abdullah, imprisoned leader France was greeted by M of the Lebanese Armed Jacques Chirac, the Prime Revolutionary Faction, and of Minister, on his return from a five other members of the trip to Indonesia last night and terrorist group, which is be-went to discuss with top lieved to be behind the recent space of Paris bombings. They are named as: Mau-

rice, Emile, Robert and Joseph Ibrahim Abdullah; Salim al-Khoury, and four women - Jacqueline Esber, Caroline Esber al-Bitar, Fayrouz Fayeh Daher and Ferial Daher. A Beirut-based terrorist

group, calling itself the Anti-Imperialist International Brigades, has claimed responsi-bility for the assassination of the French military attache in Beirut on Thursday. In a message to offices of the

Agence France-Presse news agency, the group said: "All French diplomats will be our revolutionaries" target until Waroujan Garbidjian, Georges Ibrahim Abdullah and Anis Naccache and their comrades are released.

"The fate of Mitterrand and Chirac will be the same as that of the military attache

Argentinian to Falklands for son's funeral

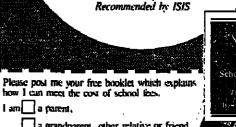
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Walker accused over coal strike

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, has been accused by Sir Ian MacGregor, the former chairman of the. National Coal Board, of ac-tions during the 1984 coal strike that might have prolonged the strike.

The charge is made in Sir lan's forthcoming book The

Enemies Within, the first extract of which will be published in The Sunday Times He describes Mr Walker's mental officials.

disappointed when he succeeded Mr Nigel Lawson, now Chancellor of the Exchequer. as Energy Secretary in June He and Mr Lawson "shared

the same views", says Sir Ian, whereas he and Mr Walker had a "somewhat different political stance".

The result was the coal board chairman came to regard Mr Walker as a minister who agonised over strategic and tactical details and paid

of senior officials at the coal board's headquarters. He says they objected deeply to his chairmanship on both politiundue deserence to his depart-

cal and personal grounds and resented his intrusion into the "comfortable culture of their well-ordered world".

His judgement of Mrs Mar-Sir lan claims that he was garet Thatcher, however, is told regularly that he could one of almost unqualified

catch any foxes that managed tunnel will start. Its letter to not all be used at once.

unwanted pets into the dark-

parts of the world free of the

that stray near the tunnel entrances may face tall fences with underground barriers

against burrowing.

Britain is one of the few

Mountain at the end of August.

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By Hugh Clayton to elude the traps, boundary the association said the confences and electrified mesh trols were being "closely rabies virus, which can be Environment Correspondent carried by many mammals. The father of an Argentin-Raicaichers may have to being considered for the tun- examined in conjunction The disease is moving slowly ian airman killed in the Falkpairol the Channel Tunnel as nel entrances.
"Disinfestation", of a kind experts," and that they would with the ministry and other across north-eastern France part of a "disinfestation programme", to prevent ralands war is to be allowed to Pets and farm animals are attend his son's funeral in the not vaccinated against the disease and are therefore which the ministry declined to Falklands, the Foreign Office bies from escaping from the Continent to Britain. The describe, would also be used to The letter showed that the announced last night. clear the tunnel of any bats elaborate controls being which mistook it for a cave, considered went beyond just permanently at risk from it. He may be the first Ministry of Agriculture would Infection leads in humans to Argentinian to set foot on the NAME an agonizing death unless give no explanation yesterday keeping wild animals at bay. It suitable for hibernation. islands since they were invaded in 1982. Flight Lieutenant Miguel Giminez's complicated treatment begins The control measures were was clear that the Governlisted by the Ministry in a ment also wanted to make almost immediately. According to ministry plans, animals

the hunting/retrieving procedures" mentioned in a list of letter to the all-party Associ-ation of County Councils, not discard half-eaten food or possible rabies controls for the which represents almost all It would confirm only that English shire authorities, hounds would not be used to including Kent, where the ness of the tunnel.

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approach to the year-long dispute in bitter terms and makes it clear that he was not do things the way he approval Rabies squads guard Channel Tunnel

Safer flights a monument to death of 55 on jet

By Peter Davenport

disaster and new maintenand

yesterday Mr Gorodkin said that none of these had contrib-uted to the loss of life. A senior

RAF pathologist had told the

inquest that all those who died

were either dead or irretriev-

ably poisoned by cyanide and carbon monoxide fumes or

from the effects of intense heat

provided two fundamental

lessons, first, that the pilots

and the aircraft industry were

of even a slight wind on a fire

on beard an aircraft and.

secondly, that emergency exit

routes must be made more

Officials of the Civil Avi-

ation Authority listed 12 les-

sons that had been learnt from

a so far incomplete inquiry by

Mr Leonard Gorodkin: 20-

body to blame.

Branch of the Department of Transport. Smoke hoods and

better emergency exits are

among the proposals being considered as a result.

in court and aware of the

He again praised the actions

Exquisite Designer Furs

implications.

Accident Investigation

He said that the inquiry had

vithin two minutes.

Safer air travel for millions nument to the memory of the 55 victims of the Manchester air disaster, the coroner the conducted the inquest said yesterday. Mr Leonard Gorodkin said that as a result of the disaster, improvements in safety standards are being ade. He described the in cident as a combination of events coming together at odds of many millions to one against and for which nobody

was to blame. Mr Gorodkin made his comments to survivors and the relatives of some of the victims after the jury at Man-chester had returned verdicts of accidental death on the 53 passengers and two stewardesses who died when smoke and flames engulfed the British Airtours Boeing 737 on August 22 last year.

He said: "As a result of these inquiries, there are improvements being made within the industry and I hope it will make it safer for all of us to travel. Increased safety can now more aware of the effects be a monument for the memory of the death of your loved

He said that those who survived should have no feel-ings of guilt about escaping trapped in dense, choking ings of guilt about escaping when others died. The prime instinct, he said, was to survive and he was certain no one had done so at the expense of

For some of these surviving passengers and crew from the ill-fated flight KT328 to ill-fated flight KT328 to Corfu, a fire alarm in the middle of yesterday's proceedings was an uncomfortable experience.

The court in Manchester Town Hall had to be moved out after a smoke detector on the roof was set off. During the 10 days of evidence from 68 witnesse the jury heard a detailed account of the last seconds of the holiday flight and the

investigation that followed. The aircraft had been cleared for take-off shortly after 7am and was accelerating towards lift-off when a combuster can in the port wing Pratt and Whitney JT8D engine, regarded as one of the most reliable in the world, ruptured, triggering a series of events that led to an explosion and fire that rapidly engulfed

shattered an under-wing ac-cess panel allowing hundreds recommendations because all of gallons of aviation fuel to the relevant authorities were spray on to the hot engine.

Mr Peter Terrington, the captain, at first believed the sound he had heard was a tyre of the cabin crew who surbursting. He ordered a stop to vived and helped passengers the take-off and, in accordance to escape and the firemen who with guidance in operation at tackled the fire. He said that the time, taxied off the run- all those involved with the way. However, that caused his incident on that day had acted aircraft to come to a halt in a correctly. partial crosswind thus driving

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Flight to disaster: How the accident overtook the holiday jet on the Manchester ranway - where the hydrants ran dry, the way in which the aircraft turned, how the wind directed flames at the faselage, and how the exit door jammed.

Five points Scientists rebuild wreckage raised by to learn lessons from blaze the jury By Harvey Elliott, Air Correst

The jury made the following Discontinuing the use of repaired combuster cans in repaired combuster cans in aircraft engines. British Airways has already introduced that policy change.

of engine cans at the end of a period considered to be safe. Pratt & Whitney and other engine manufacturers should be more positive in their advisory and warning letters about possible problems to operators to avoid misunderstandings. The inquest was told that

British Airways had thought that letters about possible problems on the JT8D referred only to earlier, unmodi-fied engine models which were not fitted on their fleet. • The aircraft design should be changed so that over-wing exits open outwards rather than into the cabin. Consideration should

given to a suggestion by the Accident Investigation Branch for the complete removal of all seats in row 10 on Boeing 737s

the Government has decid

to seek a partial devaluation of

the green pound, the exchange

rate that underpins the prices

which British farmers receive

for their produce.

Mr Michael Jopling, Min-

ister of Agriculture, said yes-terday that the Government

would be seeking a 6 per cent

adjustment for beef and a 2

per cent adjustment for other

livestock products.

Mr Simon Gourlay, president of the National Farmers'

Green pound gain

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Scientists at the Department of Trade's Accident Investigation Branch at Farnborough, Hampshire, are sceptical about introducing the recommendations made by the jury in the Manchester entists at Farnborough have studied in detail and rejected.

They are compiling a detailed technical report into the accident which will contain proposals for preventing such an accident from happening But it will be months before

it is completed and, although the jury's views will be stud-ied, it is unlikely that any of them will be put into practical For example, endless tests

have shown that only by having a door that opens inwards can the fuselage strength of the aircraft be maintained near the middle. An outwardly opening door could blow out as the pressurization increases. At first sight it seems straightforward to change this around. But in practice it

German government in the early days of the EEC.

Greens to

plot their

strategy

The Green Party began its annual conference at New-

castle upon Type yesterday by

heart of the main political

parties at the next general

The party is planning to put up 150 candidates, compared

with 109 at the last general election, at a cost of £200,000.

raised partly from its 6,000 members – although there

are plans to approach workers'

co-operatives, and "green-

At the last election, all 109 candidates lost their deposits.

Since then the percentage of the vote needed to keep a deposit has been lowered to

five, but the deposit itself has

risen to £500.

style" industries for help.

would cause even greater Farnborough, through the problems in flight. problems in flight.
The suggestion of taking away an entire row of seats alongside the exit - at first sight again eminently sen-sible - is one that the sci-

The reason is that if an entire row of seats is removed it will provide room for two files of people to get to the door together. Yet the door is wide enough for only one person. There would, there-fore, be a jam as people fought

to get out together.
Instead, the Civil Aviation Authority, after the recommendations already made to them from the team of six at Farnborough, asked for the gap between the seats to be

The gap was deliberately set at a distance that would allow one single file of people to reach the door thus allowing non-stop jumping out. British Airways has stopped repaired combustion New the team at

Federal Aviation Administration in the United States to force every airline using those engines to do the same. To help the team, under Mr

Dave King, princial inspector, is the wreckage from the site of the fire. The remains were transported from Manchester to Farnborough and then painstakingly rebuilt That is particularly helpful in examining the position of

the thrust reversers which, it is thought, may have helped to direct the flames towards the The experts are also subject.

ing the engine to every pos-sible metallurgical test Key changes to the design of

the aircraft and to evacuation practices have been made, with exit seat widening, monitoring of engines, modifications of the emergency chutes, fire resistant seats, floor emer-gency lighting and smoke detectors in the lavatories

ing all forms of the disease and

many more tests on its safety

and efficacy will be required before it could become gen-

A second set of trials is being prepared in the United

States and the company is

setting up a similar series of

tests to be carried out simulta-

neously in several European

Some patients in Britain are

fikely to be involved in the

tests, which could begin early

Several countries need to be

involved because the trials

require large numbers of

The Wellcome Foundation.

the British parent company of

Burroughs Wellcome, said last

night: "The tests among pa-

tients in Europe will not be

identical to those conducted

"It is difficult to say which category of Aids patients are most likely to be involved.

"Supplies of the drug are at the moment very limited and.

although we are working hard

to scale up production, it will be restricted to use in clinical

The American tests showed

that the drug could produce side effects such as an

and only those patients who are considered to be able to

tolerate those side effects are

likely to be offered

in the United States.

erally available.

Alliance defence split reopened by Liberal MPs

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

A group of Liberal MPs strong tide of opinion" within forced open the split on Alliance defence policy yesterday by releasing a docu-ment re-emphasizing the party's commitment to uniateral disarmament.

The document will embarrass party managers as it comes out less than two days before the start of the Liberals' annual assembly in East-

It will also anger SDP chiefs who thought they had suc-ceeded at Harrogate in pacify-ing the objections of most Liberals to Dr David Owen's firm stance on the replacement of Polaris while winning support for their leader. But the publication could also backfire on the unilateralist element, which is becoming increasingly isolated within the party.

lated within the party.

Mr Simon Hughes, MP for Southwark and Bermondsey, Mr Archy Kirkwood, MP for Roxburgh and Berwickshire, and Mr Michael Meadowcroft, MP for Leeds West, wrote Across the Divide. Liberal Values for Defence and Discompany with members Disarmament with members of the National League of Young Liberals and the Union of Liberal Students.

and, hence, totally unacceptable." British companies should have to say how much they spend on research and development and explain their long-term investment policy (Martin Fletcher

the party and would make a "valuable contribution" to

Most of the document is made up of general statements on aims for Liberal disarma-

But it also says: "In solely

British terms, replacing Po-

laris with Trident would

clearly be an escalation in the

level of our nuclear capability

next week's debates.

ment and defence policies.

parker with

The clearing banks should also have to declare their investment policy and loan maturity schedule, while life insurance companies and pen-sion funds should disclose what proportion of their investments they had held-

These were among proposals announced yesterday by the Liberal spokesman on trade, Mr Paddy Ashdown, and by the former party president, Mr Richard Holme. designed to tackle what they describe as deeply damaging short-term attitudes in the Mr Hughes said yesterday short-term attituthat he believed it reflected "a British economy.

NGA unresolved on Wapping vote

Association yesterday post-poned until next week a decision on whether to be speaking from New York last night, Mr Bill O'Neill, who led the News Internations on whether to be speaking from New York last night, Mr Bill O'Neill, who led the News Internations on whether to be speaking from New York last night, Mr Bill O'Neill, who led the News Internations on whether to be speaking from New York last night, Mr Bill O'Neill, who led the News Internations on whether to be speaking from New York last night, Mr Bill O'Neill, who led the News Internations on whether to be speaking from New York last night, Mr Bill O'Neill, who led the News Internations on whether to be speaking from New York last night, Mr Bill O'Neill, who led the News Internations on whether to be speaking from New York last night, Mr Bill O'Neill, who led the News Internations on whether the New International last night, Mr Bill O'Neill, who led the New International last night, Mr Bill O'Neill, who led the New International last night, Mr Bill O'Neill, who led the New International last night, Mr Bill O'Neill, who led the New International last night next week a decision on whether the New International last night next next night nigh cision on whether to ballot their members on the final offer made by News International to settle the eightmouth Wapping dispute.
The executive did not for-

nally discuss a recomme tion before them from 30 FOC's (union branch ficials), formerly employed by the company, that ballot forms be sent out with a recommendation to reject the offer.
All unions involved in the e, which concerns 5,500 print workers who were disnissed after taking strike company "this offer will be treated as made to a union only if that milion agrees to recommend acceptance of the offer".
The biggest print union, Sogait 82, has already decided to ballot members on the offer, which lapses unless it is accepted by October 8. So far, the union has not formally recommended the offer to members but will circulate all

terms were "the best, last and He added: "The requisite that the offer will

have to be recommended by the unions to their members or be withdrawn, still stands. Mr Eric Hammond, leader of the electricians' union, the EETPU, yesterday cut short a six- day visit to Norway and returned to London after accusing his hosts of being craven and giving in to blackmail".

Mr Hammond, who was to have delivered the fraternal ldress to the Norwegian electrical workers' conference had to endure, as he entered the hall in Oslo, a crowd of jeering print workers, support-ing dismissed News Internal print workers whose jobs his members are accused

pected another demonstration during his address and with-drew the invitation.

Hattersley challenge on taxes

members with the company's

detailed terms.

By Martin Fletcher Political Correspondent

Mr Roy Hattersley, the Labour shadow Chancellor, hit back yesterday at Tory criticism of his tax and social security programme, accusing Mr Nigel Lawson of being the "invisible Chancellor" until the tax benefits of the superrich were threatened.

On Thursday night Mr Lawson had claimed that Labour's tax proposals, unveiled that day, would put up tax for those earning mon than £500 a week to at least 70 per cent - affecting more than a million people.

But in a stinging riposte yesterday, Mr Hattersley accused Mr Lawson of "springing to the defence" of a tiny minority of taxpayers who had received tax handouts totalline £3.6 billion under the present Government, but of ignoring the £32 billion in extra taxes paid by the

He challenged Mr Lawson to say how he will reduce a long-term unemployment fig-are now greater than the total unemployment figure of 1979, how he intends to remedy record unemployment queues, and how he intends to help the 10 million people now living in poverty.

Salisbury Plain oil leakage

By A Staff Reporter

Water board engineers were checking pollution damage after more than 6,000 gallons of light fuel oil leaked on Salisbury Plain yesterday in a pipeline accident.

Firemen fought for 90 minutes to repair a fracture in the Esso pipeline from Southampton to Avonmouth, at Gore Cross near the village of West Lavington, Wiltshire.

The accident happened when engineers from Wessex Water Authority, laying an 18in supply main, struck the oil pipeline about 8ft deep and caused a 6in rupture which gushed oil for nearly two hours before the flow could be

Most of the oil leaked into the trench before disappearing into the subsoil but a spokesman for the water authority said water supplies should not

ided to

Moterniant.



Drug guards cells from Aids virus By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent The new drug which ap-However, the drug is unlikely to be suitable for treat-

for beef farmers

After weeks of prevarication Union, welcomed the decision, but added that pears to help to keep Aids adjustment was small. victims alive works by offer-Green" currencies are an ing protection to the cells that invention of the EEC common the virus attacks and destroys. agricultural policy and are intended to prevent farm ex-

Scientists found in laboratory tests last year that the ports from any member coundrug had the ability to hinder try from benefiting excessively from a real fall in the exchange multiplication of the virus by value of that country's blocking reproduction of its The green currency system was devised by the West

The results of the first tests of the drug, azidothymidine, known as AZT, involving natients in America, bave strongly supported that ev-

The encouraging outcome means that many more American patients will be given the treatment in further trials, and that some British patients are likely to be included, probably early next

The drug has been developed in the United States by the British-owned pharmaccutical company, Burroughs Wellcome, using some of the expertise that led it to the first successful treatment for herpes viral infections.

The earliest tests of the compound on Aids sufferers last year showed that it protected T-cells, the body's main line of defence, from being It is the virus's destructive

power that gives the disease the description of the acquired immune deficiency syndrome. But the cells died when the drug was withdrawn, indicat-ing that life-long treatment

At this year's local elections the Green Party gained two would be necessary.

> persuasive the argument that their adjudicatory functions

"I have been particularly nnual conference of the

Nottingham yesterday.

Mr Hurd hopes to use the Criminal Justice Bill, expected in the next session, to uplement the changes.

did not sit comfortably.

primary task, that of being the

Hurd to change prison disciplinary process By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A new system for dealing boards do their adjudicator; ith serious disciplinary task competently, but he found

with serious disciplinary charges in prison is to be introduced by the Home Sec-setary, Mr Douglas Hurd. The task will be removed from the boards of visitors, but they will continue to act as the public's watchdogs.

.Mr Hard intends to create

for each prison a panel of lay adjudicators who will function alongside, but separately from, the board of visitors. Members of the boards will be able to serve as members of the one body or the other, but not both. Members of the adjudicatory panel will be able to serve in more than one Mr Hurd believes that

conscious that this fission will

enable members of boards of centrate on what I have always regarded, and what I know many of you regard, as your public's watchdog ever what goes on in prisons", he told the Prison Boards of Visitors at

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Government to act after three social workers die

tors of Social Services yes-

terday are likely to be issued in

the next two months. They

could include personal alarms

for social workers and a

recommendation that female

workers should not visit cli-

that a fundamental review of

personal social services will be

published later this year to

complement initiatives al-

security and primary health

care. The Green Paper ini-tially promised in 1984 would

appear in the next few months, he said.

Mr Fowler emphasized that

the new document would need

to take into account proposals

in the Social Security Act passed in July and the White

Paper on primary health care

now under discussion. But he dismissed speculation that the

Green Paper would include

compulsory tendering of local

authority ancillary services,

meals-on-wheels or domicili-

ary services, following similar moves in the health service.

"This is not something under

consideration," Mr Fowler said. He made it clear that the

Green Paper would put fur-

ther emphasis on community

care, a responsibility shared

by health, social security and

personal social services.

Community care policies had

already significantly im-

proved the lives of many

people who would otherwise

have spent years in institu-tions cut off from normal

The number of children in

Mr Fowler also reassured

long-stay hospitals had

dropped from 7,100 in 1969 to

social workers that resources

would be provided to retain

the present level of social

lives.

590 in 1985.

Mr Fowler also announced

ents on their own.

After the deaths of three by the Association of Direcsocial workers in the past 18 months the Government is to call a conference on the safety of social service department

In addition the Association of Directors of Social Services is to produce guidelines which all local authorities could follow and set up a working party to collect information on the problem.

The death of the Bexhill social worker, Frances ready undertaken in social Betteridge, at the hands of her client's boy friend last month has provoked widespread concern among social service departments for the safety of their staff.

At the Social Services Directors annual conference in Cardiff yesterday, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced that the Government conference would bring together managers and staff from the NHS, social security and personal social services.

"We have a responsibility to the caring profession to ensure that they have the best available protection. Those who help the public are entitled to help from the public. The community has a duty to protect those who serve it." Mr Fowler said.

The problem was found throughout the caring services, particularly in accident and emergency departments and psychiatric wards, he said. "The Government fully recognizes the importance of combating violence against staff, whatever their occupation." He emphasized the need for

greater security in all health-service premises and said the Department of Health aimed to train social security staff to identify potentially violent situations and to take steps to prevent assault.

The guidelines announced Japanese

press for new TV

Japan is refusing to admit defeat in its battle to introduce a new kind of television to

At the International Broadcasting Convention in Brighton yesterday, the Japanese took over a cinema to show a 30-minute programme produced using a technique called High Definition Tele vision (HDTV). While conventional European television uses 625 horizontal lines to make up a picture, the Japanese systems use 1,250 lines, producing images that are noticeable sharper.

The Japanese demonstra-tion was a clear signal to European broadcasters that Japan has not been scared off by the efforts of European broadcasting authorities to stop HDTV from being adopted as a worldwide standard. Europeans fear that acceptance of HDTV would permit Japan to dominate the inture market.

 The Government has approved a BBC-developed system of stereo television. The first stereo transmissions are expected to start within two

Stereo television receivers are expected to cost about £100 more than current sets.

London judges asked to

work overtime Judges at the Central Criminal Court in London are

being asked to work overtune to cut the growing backlog of cases awaiting trial.

From October 6 the court's

20 judges will be expected to sit from 10am until 5pm, an extra hour and a half each day. There are 1,200 cases awaiting hearing, an unacceptable

level, according to a court official. The extra work the judges are being asked to undertake is part of a London-wide crown court "blitz" to reduce the

Paris trips cancelled by British

Travel agencies yesterday reported a 20 per cent drop in tourism to Paris as hundreds Europe which is claimed to of travellers cancelled plans to offer the possibility of cinema- visit the French capital, after

Agency spokesmen in Loadon complained of cancellations and a sharp drop in bookings after Wednesday's blast, in which five people were killed and 61 injured. But several travel agencies said the majority of holidaymakers are

still travelling to Paris.

Ten people have died and more than 250 have been injured in the 12 bomb attacks carried out in Paris and on the Paris-Lyons express train in the past nine months.

A London-based French travel agency reported that about 25 per cent of tourists. who were set to visit Paris in the next fortnight, have can-celled their bookings in the past few days.

A spokesman said that sev-

eral people, who telephoned to cancel their reservations. asked to be booked into other French resorts while some postponed their holiday plans. He said that these holiday-

makers gave the recent spate of bomb explosions in Paris as the reason for changing their A spokesman for the Air Travel Advisory Bureau said that there had been a decline

in the number of calls from people inquiring about trips to Paris in the past week. "People have become wary

of going to Paris for the weekend," he said. The London office of an American agency, however, reported no cancellations in the past two weeks.

And, a spokeswoman for the French Embassy in London, confirmed a steep increase in visa applications.

"We now require tourists from all countries - except the 11 EEC countries and Switzerland - to obtain visas to visit France. That has naturally caused a flood of applications, especially from Americans," she said. French security, page 5



The Princess of Wales with Commander Toby Elliott, on the conning tower of the nuclear powered submarine, HMS Trafalgar, last month. The royal visit is one of the highlights of In Private, In Public: The Prince and Princess of Wales, an ITN programme, being shown tomorrow and Monday (Photograph: Tim Graham/ITN).

Four jailed for savage attack

Three youths who carried out a "brutal and savage attack" on a young British Transport policeman were sentenced to eight years' youth custody yesterday. A fourth, who is 21, was sent to prison for eight years. for eight years.

The four were all convicted of causing grievous bodily harm with intent toPolice Constable Neil Harvey, aged 28. He suffered multiple skull and facial fractures after the attack and had to be put on a life support machine.

The four youths were all cleared after a 13-day trial of attempted murder and of causing grievous bodily harm with intent to resist arrest.

The four were: Alan Richardson, aged 19, and his brother Colin, aged 18, both of Beeston Road, Nottingham; David James, aged 21, who was jailed, and John Melandshahe nichenko, aged 19, both of Gregory Street, Lenton, Not-

Mr Brian Appleby, QC, for the prosecution, said that PC Harvey, married with a young son, was attacked while on early morning patrol in Castle Meadow Road, Nottingham, The youths were told by Mr

Justice Tucker at Nottingham Crown Court: "This was a brutal and sustained attack". All four youths pleaded not guilty to all three charges.

They claimed that they made

35 years to end pollution By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Britain's share of acid rain London conference organized by the National Society for Clean Air, that elimination of from power stations will dwindle almost to nothing in the next 35 years, Lord Marshall of Goring, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating acid from soil and fresh water would take a long time and that acid rain originating from

power stations was not the "After the turn of the cenonly cause of damage.

"People in Scandinavia have told me that it is not the tury our existing stations will be replaced by new stations that do not emit sulphur," he acidic deluge that is killing trees," Mr Waldegrave said. "It is something much more complicated than that." Mr William Waldegrave, a Minister of State at the

Lord Marshall said that recent research had supported early board scepticism about the extent of acid rain damage and the size of Britain's share of it. He conceded that acid rain failing on acid soil killed

undercover officers from

On trial is Thomas Maguire,

using his services.

lish, but was sceptical about links claimed between acid rain and damage to trees in Scandinavia But there might be a link

between ozone and damage to trees. "We do not regard that as proven," he said. We notice the possibility that acid mist might be a culprit, and we are suspending judgement on that." Once the culprit was found, Lord Marshall added, the soil acid would not dwindle quickly.
"Sulphur has been building

up in the soil for decades, or even centuries. What we have to face now is that the acidity

fence, denied his department

would go "to almost any

might take decades to leach

A police officer explained at convictions deterred the cross-examined by Mr Mine Central Criminal Court undercover officers from chael Mansfield, for the dethe Central Criminal Court yesterday why he continued to "run" an IRA informer although the material he was passing on contained lies.

Board, predicted yesterday.

Department of the Environ-

ment, said that it was tech-

nically possible to conquer acid rain and the damage it caused. "There is light at the

end of the tunnel on this."

Both men emphasized, at a

explained.

Det Supt Alan Law, head of Lancashire Special Branch, told the jury: "We do not look a gift horse in the mouth. Informers in the IRA are very Mr Law said he also became

aware that Raymond O'Connor, aged 50, a penty criminal, was "given to drink".

But although they treated

Mr Maguire pleads not guilty to conspiring between January 1982 and April 1983

Mr Law, who was being Monday.

with Patrick Magee, Patrick Murray and others to cause an

explosion in the United

aged 27, who, according to Mr length" to get information O'Connor, the main prosecufrom people who claimed to be inside the IRA. tion witness, acted as gobetween in a plot to blow up the Eagle and Child Inn, used by soldiers and their families

He rejected Mr Mansfield's suggestion that he would push people very hard to get from the Army camp at Weston, Blackpoool. information about Irish terrorists. "I would spend time with them and encourage them," he said. Mr O'Connor was a "walk-

in" who had taken the initiative and approached the police.

The hearing continues on from the Wolverhampton

Women to keep up chain vigil at dump

By Trudi McIntosh A group of Lincolnshire

housewives said yesterday they will remain chained to a tractor blocking the main entrance to the proposed nuclear waste site at Fulbeck until police unpadlock them. One of the protesters, Mrs Rachel Toyne, aged 21, from Welbourne, who is six months pregnant, said she had volun-

teered to help to maintain a chained vigil as a last resort to delay test drilling equipment being delivered to the site. She said she will remain chained to the tractor at least seven hours each day until contractors, employed by

Nirex, the government nuclear waste agency, turn up Police yesterday had to carry away protesters who lay down on the road in front of the main entrance gates at the Killingholme site in south Humberside.

A convoy of nine lorries with a police escort turned up at the site at 6.30am, But antinuclear protesters blocked the main entrance with five cars. As police moved the cars and protesters, Nirex con-tractors used bolt cutters to cut a chain on the gate.

A Humberside Against

Nuclear Dumping spokesman said sheriff's officers threw copies of the High Court injunction obtained last week, at the feet of the protesters who refused to take them.

The Killingholme move came 24 hours after a High Court injunction had been served against some of the 24 Humberside protesters named Contractors delivered drilling equipment to the

Bradwell-on-Sea dumping site in Essex in a similar early norning move last Tuesday. Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Grimsby, has complained about the way the injunctions have been served on Humberside protesters af-ter almost a week's delay.

Detective on computer secrets charge

A Hampshire private detective appeared in Winchester Magistrates' Court yesterday accused of contravening the Official Secrets Act after a police investigation into alleged misuse of the police national computer. Stephen Bartlett, aged 26, from Basingstoke, was re-

manded on bail of £1,000. The police said they had

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also interviewed a police ser-geant in the West Midlands

Portfolio —Gold— Win pays for diving holiday

Mr Paul Sloane from Farnborough, Hampshire, *25 yesterday's sole winner of The Times Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Sloane, the director of a computer software company, said he had been playing the Portfolio Gold game since it started.

"I am delighted to have won," he said yesterday.
Mr Sloane, aged 36, said that he would spend his winnings on a scuba diving excursion in Hawaii.

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Cashier 'filled in winners'

Linda Gibbs put blank betting slips through the till at William Hill bookmakers in Kentish Town, north London. where she worked as a parttime cashier. Highbury magistrates were told yesterday.

Next day she would enter the winner's name on the blank slip and claim the winnings, Mr Miles Barker, for the prosecution, said.

Gibbs, aged 34, of Birchville Court, St John's Wood, London, admitted stealing £297 from William Hill. She also admitted stealing £5 from the company. She was allowed bail until October 17 for

Mrs Payne to stand trial Mrs Cynthia Payne, aged

53, charged with controlling prostitutes, elected for trial when she appeared at Camberwell Green Magistrates' Court in south London yesterday.

A second charge alleging that Mrs Payne, of Amblesid Avenne, Streatham, south London, ran a brothel was adjourned indefinitely.

Actor accused

Dennis Waterman, of the TV series, Minder, is to appear before Dorking magforce and a private detective istrates in Surrey on Novemdriving offence.

Girl tells of alleged assault as she prayed

"He knelt beside my bed and he took my hand and prayed for me. After a couple of minutes I felt hazy. I did not actually black-out but I went

He put his hands under the blanket feeling my body. I cannot remember anything after that. I just went out," the girl aged 15 whispered to the

The prosecution has alleged that the South African-born preacher, aged 57, drugged and raped Christian virgins

while pretending to give them religious guidance. He abused the trust placed in him by three women, Mr Hubert Dunn, QC, for the prosecution, has alleged.

The preacher denies three charges of rape, two against the schoolgirl, who was 14 at the time, and two charges of administering a stupefying

The Australian schoolgirt, who comes from a family who read the Bible daily, told the court that the preacher and his wife arrived at the small outback town of Dalby in Queensland, where she lives.

The girl said: "He preached about anything from the Bible. He laid hands on people's heads and prayed for them."

At the invitation of her parents the preacher and his wife came to their home. Her parents were so impressed they lent him a car and invited him back again, she said. Synthetic growth hormone developed

A schoolgirl told the Central
Criminal Court yesterday that
she was sexually assaulted by a
specification of the court of self-styled preacher as he at about 2am, when she was prayed at her bedside in the askeep. She said the wife woke middle of the night.

askeep. She said the wife woke her up and said they wanted to her up and said they wanted to pray for her.

The wife made her a chocolate drink and after she had drunk it left the room, the girl She said the preacher knelt by her bed and, after saying a

prayer, began to feel her body The prosecution has alleged the drink was laced with a drug which induced stupor and unconsciousness.

Its effect was such that a girl could be raped and not remember it afterwards, Mr Dunn alleged. He said one of the alleged victims put her drowsy state afterwards down to her experience of God.

Mr Dunn has claimed that on numerous occasions both in Australia and London, the preacher said prayers and then had sexual intercourse with the girl giving evidence

The girl told the court: ' did not think someone who says he is a great evangelist should go round raping people and doing the things he did.

"I did not tell anyone, I was just afraid of what people would say. They would not believe me, they would not believe the preacher would have sex with me. He was someone special."

In London the preacher is alleged to have drugged two other women aged 26 and 27, both born-again Christians and virgins, and raped one.

The hearing continues on

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The first batch of material

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A method for making a Drug Administration, in the United States. synthetic version of the hormone which controls growth in A deficiency of the sub-stance occurs in about one in the Centre for Applied Micro-biology at Porton Down,

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

5,000 children, leading to stunted growth. Injection with the natural extracts, given while children are at the primary school stage, can increase growth by two to six

However, the treatment with the natural preparation was halted by the Department of Health last year. Doctors in

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Britain, and the Food and Britain and the United States The gene that normally in structs the pituitary gland to patients had been infected, secrete HGH was extracted. unknowingly, more than 12 years earlier by slow-acting viruses transmitted in the The infection is believed to biochemicals they secrete, developed at Porton Down, the have occurred when the treat-

Since the mid-1970s it is hoped that better purification of the human tissue has prevented contamination. The synthetic compound is a product of genetic engineering.

ment was first introduced.

structs the pituitary gland to secrete HGH was extracted and spliced into a harmless Using a special method of growing microbes in fermenta-

tion tanks and of purifying the

first batch of 400 litres was synthesized in 24 hours. More than 20,000 pituitary glands would be needed to extract an equivalent amount

Hurd accuses pressure groups of hindering efficient government

The growing role of pressure to reform, as indeed this cisions in the general interest. groups is getting in the way of Government sought to do at good government, Mr Doug- the beginning of its term." las Hurd, Home Secretary,

He issued a warning that culties of the present system of their use of freer official information could harm the constitutional relationship between the Government and

the governed.
"Members of Parliament and ministers both in my view need to shake themselves free to some extent from the embrace of pressure groups said in a lecture to the Royal Institute of Public Admin-

He spoke of "the growth of conceivably the result in these groups, their increased be greater confusion. dominance of the media and the deference with which politicians regard them Mr Hurd said he does not who prefers to reveal rather than to conceal, and I believe

see "magic" in the concept of freedom of information. The amount of information released by the Government in recent years had steadily expanded and the present

Government had given the chance for wide consultation. That expansion would no No one is satisfied with the resent condition of the Of-

"If freedom of information

simply means freedom for

pressure groups to extract

from the system only those

pieces of information which

buttress their own cause, then

"Having said that, my

experience has generally been

that the wise politician is one

that this rather basic motive

flow of information to the

simply say as a practising

politician that the weight of

these groups, almost all of them pursuing a legitimate

increased in recent years and

adds greatly not just to the

volume of work, but to the

Mr Hurd added: "I would

conceivably the result might

"They are like serpents constantly emerging from the sea to strangle Laocoon and Mr Hurd said, however, he his sons in their coils." His believes that one of the diffireference was to Laocoon, a priest in Greek legend who government is the increasing role of pressure and interest warned the Troians against the wooden horse.

He said that they interpose Mr Hurd also said he recognized there was a perception themselves between the executive on the one hand and in some quarters that this Parliament and the electorate

"Those who know and work closely with ministers will not in my view think this is true: cism of the Civil Service which was heard from some ministers 20 years ago is quite

any doubt about the loyalty and dedication of Civil

Mr Hard hinted at the nec to reform the way con-stituencies are changed. "I believe that one day Parament is going to have to get a grip on itself. It is, for example, absure

that under the existing constituencies is bound to ments are made to allow for increasing population. The ommons is already



Christopher Timothy, the actor, and Shirley And Field, the actress, helping to launch a \$256,000 appeal yesterday for the National Children's Home (Photograph: Dod Miller).

lectures open to public

Undergraduate lectures in 28 departments of Exeter University are to be opened to the general public in the new academic year.

Anyone in Devon is eligible o attend all lectures in the university's library,

designed to give non-students and spring terms and participants will pay a £10 registra a taste of life as a student, tion fee and £10 a term for to participants will include the not have to write papers or

Solicitors get less of their income from conveyancing

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspon

Conveyancing is still the South-east was an exception, chief, if declining, source of income for solicitors, particularly able than larger ones. larly outside London, according to a survey published in this week's Law Society

It constitutes more than 40 per cent of income for solicitors' firms outside London, although in central London the proportion is far

But the survey of about 200 firms showed that the income from conveyancing is dropping compared with other kinds of work.

It also showed that in spite of a steady rise in income, solicitors' profits remained almost static. Firms taking part showed revenue growth of 12 per cent during 1985, which with inflation of about 5 per cent, implies real growth of 7 per cent, the survey says. The extra income did not lead to higher profits however,

as profit margins narrowed htly in most regions. The survey is the second to be conducted by Paragon, a project run by an independent non-profit-making body called Centre for Interfirm

Comparison.

It concludes that in general there is a positive link between size and profitability, with larger firms tending to make more profit per partner than naller firms.

That was particularly the case in central London and the north of England. But the

The survey took as a measure of profitability the net

deducting a standard notional salary. That showed firms in outer London were the least profitable; those in central London the most profitable.

Of the provincial firms, those in the East tended to be more profitable than those in the West, with firms in the South-west and the North being close to the provincial

In terms of size, structure, work specialization and profitability, the central London firms tend to form a quite separate and distinct group from those in outer London and the provinces.

Firms are steadily becoming more computerized, and fewer than 15 per cent had no word-processing facilities. Roughly one in four firms had no computing facilities compared with one third last year.

Staff is the main item of costs, and makes up half of the revenue on average in most practices; almost 70 per cent of total costs.

Apart from staff, accommodation costs were the biggest single item of expenditure, totalling nearly £12,000 for every partner in a firm (£1,600 per each employee).

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Head has good case, judge says The High Court judge who granted an injunction to 2 London head teacher, Miss

Maureen McGeldrick, stopgoing ahead, said yesterday that she had a powerful case. Mr Justice Garland was giving his reasons for granting the order last week preventing Breat council from holding its own disciplinary hearing after school governors had cleared Miss McGoldrick of racist

that Miss McGoldrick had a

The National Union of Teachers, which fought the case on her behalf, failed to obtain an injuscion restraining the council from continu-

The judge said that a court would not, save for exceptional ver to take back a sus-

Teachers at Sudbury In- tients in north Lincolnshire.

he did not want any me

Iron Age plots up

Half an acre of land inside an Iron Age village at West Penwith, Cornwall, is to be sold off in 21,780 separate square feet plots at £250 cach to Cornishmen throughout the world to raise funds for its excavation by archaeologists.

The village was bought last year by Lady Akenham, a former grammar school teacher from Bradford, Lady Akenham hopes to appoint a leading archaeolo-

gist to direct a dig. In trial trenching in 1954, Samian ware, Roman pottery and traces of three "courtyard" houses were

Inquiry into patient deaths

An inquiry is to be held after the death or suicide of 16 circumstances, grant an patients and former patients of St John's Hospital, Lincoln. The inquiry, by Trent Re-gional Health Authority, will pended or dismissed gional Health Authority, will employee. That aspect was also look into the care and treatment of psychiatric pa-

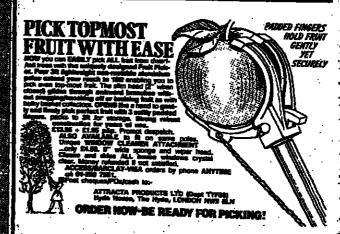
Rugby player attacked man

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Paul Simpson, aged 28, the England rugby player, was yesterday fined £125 and ordered by Bath magistrates to pay £100 compensation for assaulting Mr Thomas

Mr Richards was kicked as he lay on the pavement after a mightclub fracas.



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Anti-terror agencies fight to point of conflict

France hamstrung by security rivalries

They are taking away the flower boxes that line the Champs Elysée, and desks and benches from post offices throughout Paris. Anything that might be used to conceal a bomb is being removed from public places to deter further terrorist attacks.

The gesture at once illustrates the gravity of the threat and the apparent impotence of the French security services in combating it.

France has a huge apparatus of more than 200,000 men and women engaged in the struggle against terrorism. But they are severely handicapped in being split among a variety of military and civilian organizations divided by jealousy and

The philosophy behind this policy is that a supremo in charge of all the police and intelligence agencies would vield awesome power, a pros-pect that makes the politicians decidedly nervous. A parallel is drawn with the late Yuri Andropov, who rose from his influential position as head of the KGB to become leader of the Soviet Union.

Hence the division starts at the top. Security forces are spread among three ministries Interior, Defence and Justice - and a recently created security division under a deputy minister who reports to the Interior Ministry.

The frontline groups in the clandestine war come from two rival intelligence agencies: the DST, mainly concerned with counter espionage in France; and the DGSE, which carries out similar activity

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Each has about 3,000 personnel, but there the similarity ends. The DST is a civilian unit reporting to the Interior Ministry, while the DGSE is a military force controlled by the Defence Ministry.

Interior also has a powerful tool in the DRG, a kind of political police force about 2,000-strong which monitors sources of political support for Basque and Corsican separatists and other potentially

violent extremists. Not only are these agencies reluctant to co-operate with each other, they often compete to the point of conflict. A source close to the French

intelligence community told The Times that efforts to coordinate their activities at executive level were largely neffective.

Take for example a case with the DGSE that identified a potential terrorist abroad. If the suspect enters France, should in theory alert the



Applicants for the visas now required to enter France form a long queue along Fifth Avenne outside the French Consulate in New York.

DST. But in practice they do and continue to follow Omnes, in a recent paper on him themselves. The reasoning is, why should another cluded that there was a lack of service take the credit for our direction: "Several organiza-

For example, the DST established a network in Leba-non many years ago because of its historic ties with France. corollary that each receives information that is not seri-ously analysed at the top level. The DGSE resented what it Therefore no profit is gained regarded as interference in its from the valuable work of theatre of operations, and in more than 200,000 men on the the late 1970s sent in its own ground." men, officially to protect French troops joining the United Nations peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon.

of allied countries. Several are "So it is quite possible an known to have complained informer is being manipulated that they never know who Far-left group blamed for Munich blast

tions appear to be responsible

for the same mission, with the

The lack of co-ordination is

also inhibiting co-operation with the intelligence services

The attack was probably a "concerted action carried out

in agreement with the highest

The US Army in Stuttgart

has warned its soldiers and

their families to stay away

from a discothèque after of a telephone threat that an

American would be kidnapped

Another big problem facing

the security forces is the

nature of terrorism. "You

source said. "A spy is in the

same profession as you, he

operates in the same way, and

"A terrorist is an entirely

different proposition. At best,

he could turn informer. But

then what do you do when he

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they should be dealing with

Army Faction".

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The people who bombed the daily lives "in full legality". offices of a Nato aircraft contractor in Munich were supporters of the extreme-left Red Army Faction, a spokes-man for a West German prosecutor said yesterday (AP reports).

Investigators suspect the mbing in Munich on Monday was the work of "a group of regional militants" who lead

by both services, without being aware of it," the source

The man with the unenviable post of co-ordinating the cannot manipulate a terrorist work of rival agencies is M as easily as you can a spy." the François Le Mouel, head of the anti-terrorist unit called Uclat at the Interior Ministry. Mr Jacques Chirac, the so he can be persuaded to Prime Minister, has also cre-switch sides. ated a national security council grouping the ministries

Neither body appears to have had much success in says that to maintain his improving operational co-op- credibility with his group he eration b services.

happen, and let him get away with it? It's an awful moral Gendarmarie General René the anti-terrorist struggle, con-

At least twice in recent years, such informers are known to have been executed by their erstwhile comrades one in Lebanon and two in France.

The source said the Government has ordered its intelligence agencies to become more aggressive in infiltrating terrorist cells, tracking down the mastermind (if he exists) and identifying their sources of training, money and arms.

But there again, there ap-pears to be two schools of thought. The prevailing police view is that the bombings are the work of the family of Georges Ibrahim Abdullah, leader of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction, who is in a French prison.

The politicians perceive a more complex campaign aimed more at forcing France to withdraw from Lebanon. orchestrated by regional powers seeking a free hand to carve up the country.

In reviewing the campaign against the extreme-left group Action Directe, M Le Mouel said in a confidential report last December: "In the past, a number of arrests were made through intelligence gathered from informers. For more than a year, the specialized agencies have not had sufficiently reliable and above all well placed sources . . .

"The difficulties regarding the pursuit and neutralization of a terrorist group that has acquired a fair degree of technical expertise are such that there can be no miracle solution.

It may be a long time before action - and you have to let it Champs Elysée

Tebbit backs Paris visa move in war on terrorists

Vienna (AP) — Mr Norman Tebbit, the chairman of the Conservative Party, yesterday gave strong backing to the French Government's restrictions imposed on foreigners in its efforts tocurb terrorism.

"If the foreign policy of a national government can be dictated by a small number of terrorists, sufficiently ruthless to murder without discrimination men, women, children . . . then we would have come to the end of civilized order in the

world," he said. Mr Tebbit comm criticism of this week's decision by the French Government to introduce visas for citizens of several non-communist European countries outside the 12-nation Euro-

He and other party leaders were addressing a news con-ference on the first day of a meeting of party leaders of the European Democrat Union, a group of Conservative and Christian Democratic parties, which is headed by Herr Alois Mock, chairman of the Austrian People's Party.

Earlier, Mr Carl Bildt, who heads the Swedish opposition Conservatives, complained about the French curbs on travel from Scandinavian

"If France were intimidated into changing its policies . . . then we should all soon be forced to follow this example,"

The two-day meeting at Vienna's Hofburg Coogress Centre was completely overshadowed by the recent wave It was attended by Chancello

Kohl of West Germany, Mr Poul Schluter, the Danish Prime Minister, and Mr Turgut Ozal, the Prime Minister of Turkey. Herr Mock said the session was expected to endorse a set of proposals to fight international terrorism in a resolution to be adopted on Sunday.

• Controls essential: Sir Henry Plumb, leader of the Conservatives in the European Parliament yesterday called on all EEC governments to bring in visa requirements for visitors from non-Common Market countries. In a speech to a conference

on International and European Policy in Vienna, Sir Henry said strict visa controls were essential in the fight against • MADRID: The Spanish

Government has lifted an or-der which barred North Africans travelling to France without visas from entering Spain, a Foreign Ministry ookesman said yesterday. The spokesman said the

order was cancelled after Paris made clear that citizens of

ns and grants to help them

rebuild or repair their homes

devastated by the earthquakes

which killed 20 people a week

ago. He told an outdoor gather-

ing of the town's civic leaders:
"Your grief has become a

Mexico City (AP) - Mexicans

Guerrillas give Duarte victory in propaganda

From Philip Jacobson Sesori, El Salvador

True to his word, President Duarte of El Salvador turned up in this remote town in the middle of guerrilla territory yesterday, the day appointed for peace talks with guerrilla

He immediately berated the guerrillas for failing to appear after the breakdown of preliminary talks earlier this

"I'm here at the right time in the right place on the right Schor Duarie told a crowd of several hundred people in the town square. "So where are they, those people who talk of peace all the time but won't come to Sesori to discuss it. You the people are here, the workers, the mothers, the children, but where is the other side?"

It was a vintage Duarte perormance long on rhetoric rather shorter on specific pro-posals about how the faltering peace negotiations might be revived. And try as he would. his voice cracking from the strain and sweat streaming down his face, the President could not get much response from his audience. Possibly because many in his audience were refugees displaced by the

They told foreign journal-ists they had been put in buses and told to wave white flags and cheer at the right moment, Once a prosperous town of 25,000 people, but with a population now reduced by lear to around 6,000. Seson lies in the middle of one of the most disputed areas of El Sal-vador. The only way to approach it, unless you have the presidential helicopter, is

along a series of back-breaking

It reminded me of a landing zone in Vietnam. The air seemed to be full of military helicopters, stirring up huge clouds of yellow dust and stripping nearby fields of their crops. Helicopter gunships hovered above the town as the President arrived and his speech was not aided by a Red Cross helicopter flying in circles above.

When he finished his address President Duarte retired to the church to hold a Mass for peace. Outside, his aides attempted to work the crowd into a better degree of enthusiasm, without noticeable success. It does not really matter. Señor Duarte said he would be here, he was, the guerrillas were not, and the desperately war-weary people will have those countries did not require taken that in. Where the where, remains to be seen.

The Prime Minister made a

four-hour visit to the city,

accompanied by a group of ministers, and toured some of

the 35 campsites where thou-

sands of homeless live under

• BRUSSELS: The European

Community Executive Co-mmission yesterday anno-unced it would make available

one million European Cur-

rency Units (£700,000) to

provide emergency aid to people hit by the Greek earth-quake (Reuter reports).

Commission was also consid-

ering speeding up the dis-bursement of aid already

agreed for Greece.

A spokesman said the

Onus for Unifil laid on Israel

New York — Señor Javier Perez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General. yesterday laid the onus of the beleaguered state of the UN forces in southern Lebanon on Israel (Zoriana Pysariwsky

He urged collective measures to ensure that the Israeli defence forces dismantled their security zone and withdrew to their own borders in a report to the Security Council, which, at the request of France, was meeting later on the Unifil crisis.

The Secretary-General almost ignored the growing evidence that the mounting attacks against the UN peacekeepers was a concerted effort by fundamentalist Shia Muslim groups, drawing their inspiration from Iran, to compel the force to leave.

Pole flees under fire

Tirschenreuth, West Germany (AP) — A Polish man escaped unhurt across the Czechoslovak border to West Germany despite a hail of builets from communist guards, but a second man was arrested. West German authorities said yesterday.

Czechoslovak border police opened fire on the two Poles, both aged 19, as they tried to flee into West Germany's

Red Cross Sudan plea

Geneva - The International Committee of the Red Cross said yesterday that it has often asked the Sudanese People's Liberation Army to allow food to be flown to the besieged town of Wau and other areas. but so far all these efforts have been in vain" (Alan McGregor writes).

The rules and spirit of international humanitarian law - and in particular the fundamental principle of humanity — require the belligerents to spare noncombatants and to do everything in their power to ensure civilians receive what is necessary for survival." the ICRC

Execution by injection Raleigh, North Carolina

(AP) - A man who confessed to raping, beating and slashing a 25-year-old nurse was executed by injection not far from the field where he left her to bleed to death. The last words of John

William Rook, aged 27, were: "Freedom, freedom, at last, man. It's been a good one."

Asylum plea Madrid (Reuter) - Twenty-

three Poles, including eight children, who arrived at Madrid airport from Yugoslavia have asked for political asylum in Spain.

Inquiry ends

Jerusalem - The results of a two-month police inquiry into Shin Bet. the Israeli counterintelligence agency, have been handed over to the Attorney-General.

Eagle killers

Vaasa, Finland (Reuter) -Finnish hunters who shot a white-tailed sea eagle have been fined £6,000.

Beef halted

drought last year.

Harare (Reuter) - Zimbabwe has suspended beef exports to the European Community to rebuild its herds, which were depleted by

Boy isolated

Fountain Valley, California (AP) — School officials have ordered that a 13-year-old boy be isolated from his classmates because he refused to remove a diamond carring.

33,000 die

Berlin (AP) - Nicaragua has lost 33,000 people and suffered £1.5 billion in damages from seven years of war between government troops and US-backed guerrillas. President Ortega was quoted as saying.

Drug murders

Moscow (Reuter) - Drug addicts in the Soviet Central Asian city of Alma-Ata have committed two murders and are responsible for more than half of all thefts and burglary in the area, an official newspaper said.

Hijack bill Monrovia (AFP) - The

Liberian Senate has passed a Bill making armed robbery. hijacking and terrorism punishable by death.

Border rows

Jerusalem - Two of the three international and neutral arbitrators needed to join the court which is to settle the 14 border disputes between Egypt and Israel have been approved by the two governments, according to unofficial

Victim of Soviet labour camps in Britain

Scientology reels after \$30m case

From Ivor Davis Los Angeles

In what Church of Scien-tology leaders called a blow that could destroy its organization, a Los Angeles Su-perior Court judge has upheld a jury's \$30 million (£20.4 million) damages award to a former member who claimed the religious cult destroyed his life mentally and financially. Judge Ronald Swearinger

on Thursday denied without comment the Church's bid to win a new trial or invalidate the huge award to Mr Larry Wollersheim, who was granted \$5 million compensatory and \$25 million punitive damages after a long and hitter trial that ended in July. Since the verdict, the Church's lawers have argued

in court that its religious beliefs were unconstitutionally placed on trial and that the big award reflected the jury's prejudice and passion. Scientologists have organ-ized non-stop candle vigils outside the courthouse in Los

Angeles and lannebed a press campaign to bring their efforts to public attention. At a press conference last night, the Church's lawyer, Mr Earle Cooley, called the judge's decision "the most outrageous evasion of judicial

responsibility ever seen in this country". He said the Church could be forced to post the \$60 million bond to prevent Mr Wollersheim from receiving any money while the case is on appeal and that the amount would severely strain the Church's net worth of \$18

He would also seek a new million. trial even if it meant going to the US Supreme Court.
The Church of Scientology

and its affiliates have been the target of a wave of lawsuits by ex-members in recent years.

bed of his judgment through a Scientology practice known as auditing in which an individual is asked to reveal intimate details of his life while his responses are monitored on a lie detector device.

Prisoner of conscience walks free

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Nikolai Baranov's first impulse on arrival in Britain, after 23 years in Soviet labour camps and psychiatric hospitals where he was subjected to tranquilizing injections, was to go for long, lonely walks in the "clean, fresh air" of Staffordshire.

At a press conference at Amnesty International's international secretariat in London yesterday, Mr Baranov, aged 49, a former Moscow construction worker, related his experiences—over 17 years of them in Soviet "special psychiatric hospitals"—which followed his arrest in 1963 for distributing pamphlets for a clandestine Russian national-ist organization and for seek-

ing to emigrate.
Mr Baranov arrived in Britain on August 3 with his twin sister, Elena Baranov, and her son, after concerted efforts by Amnesty International over the past seven years and an appeal by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, when he visited the Soviet Union last

For the past six weeks, Mr Baranov and his only two

surviving relatives have been Psychiatry declared him "unliving with a north Stafford- accountable for his actions" trade shire family, part of an Am- and he was despatched to a ment.



nesty case worker group which wrote 10,000 letters on his behalf during his ordeal.

a leaflet for his organization, The Path, which he said followed the precepts of "Christian democracy", Mr

He was arrested again after he had dropped anti-Soviet Embassy's letterbox.

Mr Nikolai Baranov and his sister Elena yesterday at the Amnesty International press conference in London. variety of institutions in Tash-

kent, hundreds of miles from his family. The drugs with which he was injected did not cause him After he was caught passing to hallucinate, but left him in a state of continual physical pain.
"The worst punishment is

Baranov spent five years in a labour camp in Mordovskaya west of Moscow which he described as a paradise on Earth" compared with the special psychiatric hospitals designed for treatment of the "criminally insane".

pamphlets in the Swedish Doctors at the Serbsky Cenural Institute for Forensic

grad Airport and he boarded a plane to find his sister and nephew waiting for him. Mr Baranov's immediate priority is to learn English, a trade and then find employ-

punishments.

Italy has signed an agree-

says this does not mean it gives political or military sup-port to the controversial Star Wars. or SDI, programme. Italy is the fourth US ally to compete for SDI research contracts. Britain, West Ger-

It said details of the agreement which will enable Italian ment were classified and firms to bid for American would not be published. But Strategic Defence Initiative the agreement would provide (SDI) research programme a comprehensive basis for contracts, the Pentagon an-nounced yesterday. participation of Italian in-dustry in SDI research.

the needle with the injection,

he said. "I was prepared to

suffer all sorts of other

In July, the drug infusions

abruptly stopped and later he

was told he would be allowed

On August 3, two KGB officers drove him to Lenin-

to leave the Soviet Union.

ficials declined to estimate how much money Italian firms might stand to gain in SDI contracts. Each Italian proposal would be assessed on its technical merits. The Italian Government

said earlier this week that the "We expect Italian partici- agreement was drawn up on pation in SDI research will the same lines as those already contribute significantly, helping to increase the pro- many and Israel Japan said gramme's effectiveness, re- this month it was also negoduce its overall cost, and acce-tiating an agreement for the lerate its schedule," the Penta-gon said.

participation of its firms in SDI research.

Gibraltar | Papandreou promise to airport talks end Senior British and Spanish

officials ended here yesterday a day-and-a-half of talks reviewing possible future joint use of Gibraltar's airport and other co-operation measures without announcing any decisions. Both sides afterwards

showed maximum discretion about the talks between Mr David Ratford, Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office responsible for Southern Europe, and Senor Jesus Ezquerra, his Spanish counterpart.

British officials were yesterday discouraging the im-pression that a formula for joint use of Gibraltar's airport would be announced later by the two countries' foreign ministers when they meet, as a political breakthrough.

A further meeting is now likely at a senior level before Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Señor Francisco Fernández Ordónez Francisco Fernández Ordónez private buildings were no and caused extensive damage hold their annual meeting. longer habitable.

gathered yesterday at churches, memorials and plazas to pay tribute to the thousands who died in the earthquake that hit the capital one year ago. President Miguel de la Madrid presided at a ceremony in the main Zocalo Plaza.

promise that Kalamata will soon regain its vitality."
Official estimates of the damage in this port town of Moldavia early yesterday, less 42,000 inhabitants revealed than three weeks after two that two-thirds of its 21,000 earthquakes killed two people

cause for national mourning. I

● MOSCOW: An carthquake shook the Soviet republic of

revive earthquake town

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, yesterday promised the people of Kalamata interest-free loans for 15 years to rebuild their homes.

canvas.

Rubik launches new Magic

those whose wrists and pa-tience survived the Rubik Cube, a fiendish new challenge is now available — Rubik's Mr Erno Rubik, the Hunga-

at the Budapest Trade Fair yesterday, hoping to sweep the world with another puzzle Like the Cube, the challenge of Magic is to manipulate shapes from chaos into a pai-

rian mathematician, designer

and inventor, launched Magic

standing. Magic consists of eight flat sections joined by mysteriors-ly hinges of plastic filament which, instead of having just one angle, have 45. The aim is to form a pattern of interlock-

unexpected three-dimensional shapes as the parts are twisted and broken from each other.



sion was not the only im- ical manipulation. He has portant element of the puzzle. "When you are working to find a solution you create different kinds of three-dimen-

teaches at Budapest's Academy of Design and Crafts. Although Magic has a more elaborate appearance than the Cube, which sold in millions, Mr Robik says it still depends

on a simple idea. Both puzzles sprang from Mr Rubik's background of



sional forms," he said. The inventor, aged 42,

points in the United States and Europe ready for sale next month. The US firm licensed to market the Cube was surprised by its extraordinary success in 1980 and 1981 and

unable to meet the demand.

The new puzzle is being made in the Chinese city of studying sculpture, architec-made in the Chinese city of ture and design, as well as a Canton, with a 2,000-strong special talent for mathemat- work force set up this year.

The new Rubik's Magic puzzle, left, and its inventor, Mr Erno Rubik, the man who gave the world Rubik's Cube

learned hard business lessons from his experiences with the Cabe, with pirate companies cashing in on the device. The new puzzle has been patented in 40 countries and distributed to marketing

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Mr Wollersheim sned it in 1980 after 11 years in the organization, during which be was a travelling spokesman, extolling the benefits of an advanced Scientology course. He had claimed that he was subjected to "psychological manipulations" and was rob-

US in second place at bridge contest

From A Bridge Correspondent, Miami

The USA yesterday took second place in the competition for the fourth semi-final place in the World Knockout Bridge Team Championships. Of the eight teams which ompeted in a mini-knockout to determine the fourth place

in the semi-final, three were

from Europe.

Three icams had already qualified by winning their respective pools. Surprisingly, in the mini-knockout the final in the mini-knockout the many was contested by two non-American teams — Bjorn Fallenius, Magnus Lindqvist, Mats Nilsand and Anders Wirgen of Sweden and Zia Mahmood, Jan-E-Alam-Fazit, Nilsan Ahmed, Nishat Abidi. Nissar Ahmed, Nishat Abidi of Pakistan.

Italian firms to bid for **Star Wars contracts**

nounced yesterday.
The Italian Government

many, and Israel joined earlier.

American and Italian of-

tern. Both employ an ingeni-ous and secret mechanism that defies immediate under-

> ing rings from the confusion of brightly-coloured arcs on the The puzzle can be bent into

"It's the same idea as the Cube. Part basic puzzle, part provocation to experiment, to see what you can make of it." Mr Rubik said.He said the creation of order out of confu-

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The following information must be read in conjunction with the full prospectus dated 12th September, 1986, comprising the listing particulars relating to TSB Group plc ("the Company"), from which it is derived. Terms defined in the full prospectus bear the same meaning herein. The full prospectus may be obtained from the addresses referred to in "Availability of the Prospectus" below.

A public application form is provided below, together with notes on how to complete it. Successful applicants for shares will be entitled to receive, free of charge, a loyalty bonus of one extra share, up to a maximum of 500 shares for every 10 shares continuously held from allocation under the offer for sale to 30th September, 1989, in accordance with the loyalty bonus arrangements set out in the full prospectus.

(a) Acceptance of applications will be conditional upon (f) ordinary shares in TSB Group pic being admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange and listing becoming effective in accordance with "Admission of Securities to Listing" by not later than close of business on 10th November, 1986 and (ii) the underwining agreement referred to in Section 15 of Part 1986 and (ii) the underwriting agreement referred to in Section 15 of Part XI of the listing particulars relating to the Company dured 12th September, 1986 ("the tisting particulars relating to the Company dured 12th September, 1986 ("the tisting particulars") not being terminated to accordance with its terms prior to notificance to The Stock Exchange of the insit of allocation. Application moneys will be returned (without interest) if either of these conditions is not smithled and, in the meantiest, if presented for payment, will be kept by a receiving bank in a separate account. The right is reserved to present all chaques and bankers' durits for payment on receipt by a receiving bank.

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offer to purchase the number of shares specified in your application form (or such smaller number for which your application is accepted) on the treats of and subject to the conditions act out in the listing particular, including these terms and conditions, the notes or guide accompanying the application form and the insulment Agreement

agree that, in consideration of TSB Central Board agreeleg that it will not, prior to 10th November, 1986, sell any of the ordinary shares being officined for sale to any person other than by means of the procedures referred to in the listing particulate, your application may not be revoked shall after 10th November, 1986 and that this paragraph shall constitute a collisional constant between you and TSB Central Board which will become building upon despatch by post to or, in the clair of delivery by hand, on receipt by a neceiving bank or TSB bank branch of your application from:

(iv) agree that, in respect of those shares for which your application has been received and is not rejected, acceptance of your application shall be constituted, at the election of 155 Central Board, either (a) by notification to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case acceptances shall be on that basis) or (b) by notification of acceptance thereof to the relevant receiving bank;

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surhorise the relevant receiving bank or the Cautodian Bank (as the
case may be) to send on behalf of TSB Central Board a letter of
acceptance for the number of shares for which your application is
acceptation for a crossed cheque for any money returnable by post
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application form and to procure that your name (and the name(s) of
any other joint applicant(s)) is/are placed on the register mammalined
by the Castodian bank under the leastment agreement in respect of
such shares the right to which has not been effectively renounced in
accordance; with the terms of the Installment Agreement, and,
thereafter, to procure that your name (and the name(s) of any other
joint applicant(s)) is/are placed on the register of members of the
Company in respect of such shares, the emidences to which is then
evidenced by insertin certificates and the right to which his not been
effectively transferred;

(vii) agree that time of payment by you shall be of the ease contract constituted by acceptance of your application;

(viii) agree to pay or procure to be paid by, and for value not later than, 3.00 p.m. on 8th September, 1987, the second instalment of 50p per share psyable in respect of those shares for which your application is accepted and the right to which has not been effectively renounced or transferred by you prior to that time;

(ix) warrant that, if your application is made on a priority application form, you are an eligible customer, employee or pensioner (as the case may be) of the Group and that your application is made solely for the benefit of the applicant(s) named therein, or, in the case of a customer priority application form, if applicable, for the benefit of the person, body, trust or estate designsted in Box A on that form;

(x) warrant that note than one application has been made by you (or on your behalf) and for your benefit on a public application form;

warment that, if you sign the application form on behalf of son else or on behalf of a corporation, you have due authority to d ease or on Densat of a Corporation, you have one authority to do so;

(xii) agree that failure to pay or procure the payment of the second insulation as provided in sub-paragraph (viii) and/or a breach of any of the warrances set out in sub-paragraphs (iii), (ix), (x) and (xi) will constitute a breach of a fundamental term and repudiation of the contract constituted by acceptance of our application and TSB Central Board will be entitled (but not bound) to treat inself at discharged from its obligations under the contract.

(xiii) agree that all documents in connection with the loyalty bours (xiii) agree that all documents in connection with the loyalty bours arrangements may be sent by post to the person (or the first-named person) named as an applicant in the application from to the address of such person (or first-named person) set out therein or to such other address as may from time to time appear in the register of members of the Company against the name of such person(s);

(xiv) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contract resulting therefrom under this offer for sale shall be governed by said continued in accordance with English law;

agree that, having had the opportunity to read the listing particular, you shall be deemed to have notice of all information and representations in relation to the Company and the Group conducted

(avi) confirm that in making your application you are not relying on any information or representations in relation to the Company or the Group other than such as may be contained in the listing particulars or in the mini prospectus taken together with the listing particulars and, accordingly, you agree that no person shall have any listing for any such other information or representations (other than a aforesaid).

(e) The immulment Agreement provides that any contract made by tance (whether in whole or in part) of any application shall constitute note contract for the purchase of each of the shares agreed to be sold user seams and conditions shall be construed accordingly.

(f) The basis of allocation will be determined by TSB Central Bond in consultation with Lazard Brothers. The right is reserved, notwithstanding the basis so determined, to reject in whole or in part and/or to scale down any application and, in particular, multiple or suspected multiple applications. Any application which (alone or together with any other application made or believed to be made by or on behalf of the same application suche person associated with him) is for more than five per cent. of the ordinary shares in issue following the offer for sale will be rejected to the extent it (either alone or together with any other such application) exceeds that percannage and may also be scaled down theresher. TSB Central Board reserves the right to uses as valid any application not in all respects completed in accordance with the instructions accompanying the relevant application form.

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instructions accompanying the relevant application form.

(g) No person receiving a copy of the listing particulars or the minj prospectus or an application form in any nexticory other than the UK, the Channel Islands or the late of Man may treat the asme as constituting an invitation or offer so him, nor should be in any event use such form unless, in the relevant certicory, such an invitation or offer could invitally be made to him or such form could invitally be used without contravendon of any registration or other requirement. It is the responsibility of any person conside the UK, the Channel Islands or the late of Man wishing to make fit application hereunder to satisfy humself as to full observance of the laws of any relevant tentiory in connection therewith, including obtaining any requisite governmental or other consens, observing any other requisite formalities, and paying any issue, transfer or other sames doe in such tentiory.

(b) The ordinary shares have not been, and will not be, register under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended. According to the offered and construent or reportered directly under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Accordingly, such abases may not be offered, sold, renounced or transferted, directly, such abases may not be offered, sold, renounced or transferted, directly indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the benefit of, any U.S. person or to any person purchasing such shares for re-offer, sale, renunciation of transfer in the United States or to, or for the benefit of, any U.S. person any national, citizen or resident of the United States or the usual or trust of any such person, any corporation, partnership or other entity created or organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political sub-division thereof, and any United States branch of a non-U.S. person and "United States" means the United States of America, its territories and possessions and all other areas subject to its jurisdiction.

(f) All documents and cheques aget by now by or on behalf of TSB.

(I) All documents and cheques sent by post by or on behalf of 188 Central Board, the Company or the Controllan Bank will be sent at the risk of the person entitled thereto.

The consent of the Figure: and Economics Committee of the States of Jestey has been obtained for the circulation of this offer for sale in Jestey. It must be distinctly understood that, in giving this consent, the Committee does not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any schemics or for the correctness of any statements made or opinions expressed with

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Only one application can be saide by you (or on your behalf) and for your benefit on a public application form. Criminal proceedings may be instinuted if more than one such application is saide. Multiple applications or suspected multiple applications are liable to be rejected. Photocopies of application forms will not be accepted in any

Your application will be made on the Terms and Conditions set out herein and on the terms of the instalment Agreement which governs the payment of the second instalment. Once delivered, an application cannot be withdrawn. The basis of allocation of shares will be announced on or as soon as possible after 29th September, 1986. If there has been heavy demand for shares, you may not receive all or (except in the case of a valid priority application) any of the shares for which you have applied.

Tel: 041-332 8791

24 George Square, Glasgow G2 1EB. Tel: 041-248 2911

Town Centre House, The Merrion Centre.

Leeds LS2 8NA. Tet: (0532) 420303

LENCISTER Hill Osborne & Co

ogsefair Street, Nooseer LE1 58U Tel: (0533) 29185

SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM BY POST TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1986 TO THE APPROPRIATE ADDRESS

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any TSB branch.

PO Box 37,

Penney Easton & Co. Ltd. PO Box 112,

Tel: 061-834 2332

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Florway House, 25 Harrington Street London BCAA (HD.

Tel: 091-261 1266

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Tel: (0232) 246005

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113 Boxe St Cardiff CF1 1QS. Tel: (0222) 480000

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A to Cg Bank of Scotland 38 Threadneydic Street, London EC2.

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If your application is successful, in whole or in part, you will be sear a renounceable document called a lenter of acceptance on, or as soon as possible after, 7th October, 1986 which will tell you the number of abares allocated to you. If you are unsuccessful or are allocated only some of the stares for which you have applied, any unused atoney paid by you on application will be returned (without interest).

It is expected that dealings on The Stock Exchange will begin on the dealing day after letters of acceptance are posted to successful applicants. If you deal before you receive a letter of acceptance, this will be at your own risk. You must recognise the risk that your application may not have been accepted to the extent expected or at all. Instructions for dealing will be advanted to the extent expected or at all. will be printed on your letter of acceptance.

If you wish to keep the shares allocated to you, you need not do ything until you have to pay the second instalment, due not later than 00 p.m. on 8th September, 1987. You will be reminded about the second stalment before it becomes payable.

Under the Instalment Agreement, shares sold under the offer for sale will be registered in the name of Lloyds Bank Pic as Custodian Bank until

they have been fully paid for. However, the Instalment Agreement is designed to confer upon you or any subsequent purchaser of shares substantially the same rights and privileges (and to impose substantially the same obligations, restrictions and limitations) as are conferred or imposed on shareholders of the Company. In particular, you will be encided to receive dividends and vote at meetings.

If you do not pay the second instalment in respect of any share, you could lose your right to that share and to all extra shares under the loyalty bonus arrangements. In that case, you will be repaid a sum equal to the amount of the first instalment, without interest, less any loss (including expenses) which TSB Central Board may have suffered as a result of your failure to pay. TSB Central Board may instead accept late payment of the second instalment and is entitled to demand interest on the overduc

A final share certificate will be sent to you after payment of the

Further details of the Issualment Agreement are ser out in the full, eccus and copies of the agreement may be inspected at the offices of egional Co-ordinators until 30th November, 1987.

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Special arrangements have been made for investors to buy and sell numbers of shares until 30th September, 1988 at special agreed rates igh the Regional Co-ordinators and certain local stockbrokers listed in all prospectus. The list of local stockbrokers is available at TSB bank.

Copies of the full prospectus may be obtained from, or inspected in, branches in the UK, the Channel Islands and the fale of Man of the TSB list and Lloyds Bank Pic, all branches in Scotland of Bank of Scotland and beanches in Northern Ireland of Northern Bank Limited, and the offices the Regional Co-ordinators listed on this page and of certain local acknown referred to above.

The full prospectus is also being published in full in the Pinancible, The Times and the Daily Telegraph on Tuesday, 16th September,

PO Box 8, Erskine House, 68 Queen Screer, Edinburgh EH2 4AE. YOU MAY APPLY ONLY ONCE ON A PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM Tel: 031-225 2566 Tel: 051-236 GLASGOW Passons & Co. Ltd. PO Sox 113, 100 West Nile Street,

Rowe & Pinnan, Mulicas & Co. Ltd. Your application must be for a minimum of 400 shares or for one of the other numbers of shares indicated in the table PO Box 273, Applications for any other number of shares will be rejected. Tel: 01-377 5999 MARCHESTER America Council Visconil America Council Visconil Henry Cooke, Lumade PO Box 369, 1 King Street, Manchester M60 3AH.

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The second instalment is payable by 3.00 p.m. on 8th September, 1987. You will be reminded about the second instalment before it becomes payable.

Fill in (in block capitals) the full name and address of the person applying for theres.

If this application is being made jointly with other persons, please read Note 6 before completing Box 3.

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Applications must not be made by children under 16. A parent may apply for the benefit of his/her child under 16 by inserting after the parent's surname in Box 3 the word "for followed by the full names of the child. A parent who makes such an application is not thereby precluded from making a single application on a Public Application Form for his/her own benefit.

The applicant named in Box 3 great date and sign Box 4. The Application Form may be signed by another person on your behalf it that person is duly authorised to do so under a power of attorney. The power of attorney must be enclosed for inspection. A corporation should sign under the hand of a duly orised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

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The right is reserved to reject multiple or suspected multiple applications.

Criminal proceedings may be instituted if more than one application is made by you (or on your behalf) and for your benefit on a Public Application Form.

Fin a cheque or bankers' draft for the exact amount shown in Box 2 to your completed Application Form. Your cheque or bankers' draft stast be made payable to "ISE Share Offier" and crossed "Not Negotiable".

Your payment must relate solely to this application. No receipt will be issued. Your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bank branch in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a United Kingdom bank sort code number in the top right hand corner. If you do not have a cheque account, you can obtain a cheque from your building society or bank branch.

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Black miners to vote on pay strike as feelings run high over fatal fire

Union of Mineworkers (NUM), which represents some 300,000 of the more than 500,000 blacks working

The decision was an-nounced after the NUM reached a deadlock yesterday morning in wage negotiations with the Chamber of Mines, which represents the main mining houses.

The NUM said the Chamber had rejected arbitration and had remained "intransigent to the reasonable de-negligence. mands of the union".

industry comes at a time when feelings are already running high among black miners because of the underground fire at the Kinross Gold Mine last in gold, coal and other mines, yesterday said that it would hold a strike ballot among its Tuesday in which 177 people standards here, of which they black.

> terday that it intends to bring mining experts from Britain and West Germany to South Africa to assist in the judcial inquiry into the disaster. It said it was also looking at the possibility of a prosecution of Gencor, the owner of the Kinross mine, for criminal

Japan adds visas ban to sanctions

Japan is to introduce sanctions against South Africa similar to those of the EEC but with one significant but the Government recaddition.

As well as banning imports of pig-iron and steel, Japan will also decline to issue visas for South African tourists and discourage Japanese tourists from going there. While continuing the ban on air links between the two countries, it will also stop government officials from travelling on South African Airways (SAA).

. The Government cannot do anything in the short-term about the SAA office in Tokyo except decline to renew visus of South African staff. The office books flights on SAA which originate from Taipei.

Japan, whose nationals are "honorary whites" in South Africa, already maintains relations with Pretoria at consular rather than full diplomatic

 It restricts investment and finance, limits sporting, cultural and educational contacts, forbids the import of arms and the export of computers to agencies enforcing apartheid and urges its citizens not to buy Krugerrands.

- The Japanese decided not to han the import of either coal or iron ore because of their importance to bome industry and the fear that banning them would adversely affect the lives of black miners.

African countries are con-

vinced that economic sanc-

tions will force the departure

of white minority rule in South Africa and that they will

do so quickly and with relative ease. For them, beyond the

image of a collapsed apartheid

regime lies a frontline free

from South Africa's harsh

brand of economic benevo-

lence and military impunity.

This African perception is the motivation behind its

sanctions campaign, which has now shifted to the United

Nations, where the General

Assembly is in the midst of a

four-day debate on Namibia,

likely to wind up today with calls for a total blockade

meant to place particular pres-

Although the African ap-

proach to sanctions is far from

monolithic, one common sce-

nario emerges from talks with

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cal analysis who believe South

Africa's resilience to broad

sanctions will be transitory at

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In order to achieve the

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optimum effect, they believe,

sanctions must at least hold out the promise of being all-

encompassing. While critical

of the European Community

package as being too luke-

warm, the predominant Af-

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The NUM announced yes-

Meanwhile, the South Af-The threat of a strike in rican Foreign Minister, Mr

From David Watts, Tokyo on the union side. Gencor, the Afrikaner-dom-

A Foreign Ministry official said it was not constructive to destroy the Pretoria economy,

ognizes that the situation is so serious that "some stronger measures are necessary convey our position to the South African Government". The Ministry emphasized that the measures are "not everlasting" and the Govern-

ment is ready to lift them when Pretoria clearly indicates that it is going to abolish apartheid. Japan believes the ban on iron and steel is a substantial measure since the country imports some 18 per cent of

South African exports, last year worth \$200 million (£136 million), and is the second largest customer. The ban, however, does not apply to existing contracts and will take a little time to

enforce. Japanese coal imports from South Africa were worth \$410 million and iron ore \$180 million in 1985. Last year Japan was host to 4,000 South Africans, of whom 25 per cent were on tourist visas and would no longer get in under the new regulations.

South Africa received 3,800 Mr Masaharu Gotoda, the Chief Cabinet Secretary, called for the release of the African National Congress leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, and the removal of bans on anti-apertheid organizations.

Africa sees quick and easy solution

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

By the same token the West

should not expect the pressure to diminish, since Africans be-

lieve the momentum must be

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Beyond the moral and emo-

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black-ruled states in excess of

\$10 billion (£6.8 million). The

frontline countries believe

they have a choice of suffering briefly, albeit intensely, from

South Africa's wrath in the

form of counter-measures or

suffering interminably from

ed the West for comprehen-sive sanctions for the past 20

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South Africa which helped to crystallize African thinking

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South Africa's National South Africa's most important 'Pik' Botha, has separately invited Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his West German counterpart, and "the best German experts" to come to South Africa to look at safety were "apparently not aware". This was in response to a

suggestion by Herr Genscher that deep-level mining experts from other countries might be able to suggest improvements. The NUM has been in dispute with the Chamber of

Mines since July 1, when the mining houses unilaterally introduced wage rises ranging between 15 and 19 per cent in response to the union's demand for a 30 per cent increase across-the-board.

In negotiations last Mon-day, the two sides came slightly closer, with the NUM reducing its demand to 26 per cent, and the chamber raising its offer by a percentage point or so. The Kinross tragedy may have hardened attitudes

inated mining company which owns Kinross, admitted yesterday that it did not know whether a polyurethane anti-corrosion foam which is thought to have been a factor in the disaster had ever been tested for toxicity before being used in the mine. At a press conference in

Johannesburg, Mr Carl Netscher, senior director of Gencor's mining division, gave an assurance that the foam would be removed immediately from all the company's mines. Other executives said they did not think it was widely used.

Mr Netscher said, however,

that the company was not prepared to remove PVCsheathed cables and other flammable substances until the findings of the official inquiry into the disaster were known. That could take up to a year.

Provisional indications are

that poisonous fumes from burning cables and other materials, and from the polyurethane foam may have caused the deaths.

The executive chairman of Gencor. Mr Derek Keys, told the press conference that the company was setting up an independent trust fund, endowed with an initial sum of two million rands (£600,000) to supplement the existing forms of compensation for bereaved families.

African diplomats point to the intitiatives taken by South

African businesmen to work

out the terms of reference for a

dialogue between black lead-

ers and the Botha Govern-

ment after last year's Western

Should South Africa be

continue to be squeezed, they

believe the business commu-

nity will not tolerate a seige

economy but force the Gov-

ernment into negotiations

with the African National Congress (ANC) leading to a

transfer of power along the

Pretoria's attempt to forge a "pax Africana" founder. The

cornerstone of its regional dip-

lomatic ambitions, the Nko-mate accord with Mozam-

bique, failed in the view of

African anlaysts because South Africa continued its

support of the Renamo insur-

gency movement operating

against the Government of President Machel, having de-

cided it could not allow Moz-

ambique to flourish for fear

that it would escape its hold.

riod of a developing rap-

prochement between South

Africa and its neighbours, the African call for sanctions was

muted. But Pretoria's decision

to replace the hand of friend-ship with an iron fist, diplo-mais say, convinced the front-

line states once and for all that

their economic and political

stability is inherently tied with

an end to white minority rule.

For almost a two-year pe-

The past year has also seen

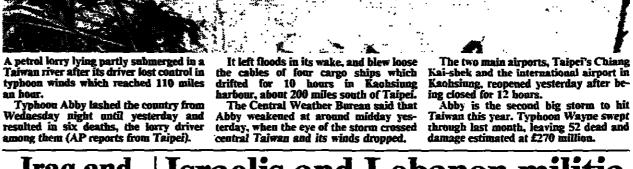
freeze on new loans.

Rhodesian model.

ment did not state the military tacked by the Iranians.

Iran claimed on Thursday that its forces had captured a string of hills, pushing six miles inside traqi territory.

public News Agency reported yesterday that Iranian forces captured slopes of a strategic hill in five hours of hand-tohand combat with Iraqi troops. It said an Iraqi battalion was "smashed" with several prisoners taken.



Iraq and Iran claim victories

Baghdad (AP) - Iraq claimed its forces crushed an Iranian offensive in the central sector of the Gulf way front yesterday, killing 1,400 soldiers and wounding 3,000 others, the state-run Iraqi News Agency (INA) said.

It was the first lraqi report of heavy fighting in the central sector of the 733-mile front since Tuesday, when Iran announced advances in the region west of the Iranian border town of Mehran.

· INA said the Iranians attacked a height in the region and that Iraqi forces were able to "wipe out 1,400 of the attacking forces and inflict injuries on about 3,000 Iranians while the rest fled".

"The situation settled decisively and completely in favor of Iraqi forces" at 11am vesterday it said. Iraqi forces are exercising their control, with full force, on all the border hills," the agency said.

The Iraois have been saying since Tuesday that minor clashes were occurring between an Iraqi "ambush group" and Iranian infantry anies in the central

Yesterday's Iraqi announcesignificance of the height at-

Iran's official Islamic Re-

Israelis and Lebanon militia in drive to capture gunmen further attacks being made

The battles also dem-

onstrated that the guerrillas

are trying to sever the corridor

of territory held by the SLA

and running from the Israeli

occupation zone up to the

Christian mountain town of

Jezzine.

members of their proxy South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia yesterday in an attempt to capture at least 12 of the 75 Lebanese gunmen who on Thursday staged their biggest attack on General Antoine Lahd's militia in four years of guerrilla warfare against Israel and its allies. Hezbollah "Party of God"

Israeli troops reinforced

members and gunmen from the Lebanese Communist Party yesterday were vaunting what they called their "heroic confrontation against the army of the agent Lahd", circulating photographs of the bodies of several of the dead militiamen lying in the ruins of their mountain outposts. The SLA have conceded

that they lost 11 dead in the involvement conflict and the guerrillas now say that three of their men were killed while 12 others are missing, apparently trying to escape from the Israelis on the hillsides below Jezzine with two captive members of the

against them by the Hezbollah. The French left their northernmost outpost at dawn and handed it over to soldiers from the UN's Nepalese battalion. The Syrian Army mean-

The Israelis are unlikely to while has announced that it intends to prevent any further allow that to happen; but to deterioration in security in prevent it they will be forced to send their soldiers north of west Beirut, Brigadier-General Ghazi Kenaan, the head of the occupied area - as they Syrian Army intelligence in Lebanon, told a news condid yesterday - and thus risk suffering the sort of casualties which many Israelis feel are unacceptable in the Lebanon ference in the northern city of Tripoli that "kidnappers and bank robbers will be dealt with war. The Lebanese resistance movement, which is helped by firmly". Sunni as well as by Shia The abduction of two more Muslim fundamentalists, has Americans in west Beirut last

long tried to tempt the Israelis week and a series of spectacuinto just such a renewed lar bank robberies by gunmen who are, like the rest of the Even as the Israelis were population, feeling the colhunting for the SLA's lapse of the Lebanese pound. attackers yesterday, the has been deeply embarrassing French paratroop contingent of the United Nations force to the Syrians who sent their troops into the Muslim sector further south was redeploying to new positions which will of the city in July for the express purpose of restoring so the UN hopes - prevent law and order.

Tokyo in £12.8bn boost for economy

From David Watts Tokyo

Japan has introduced a package of measures worth a record 3.600 billion yen (about £12.8 billion) to stimulate the domestic economy. but it is likely to have little impact on imports.

The Government hopes that the package will boost the flagging economy to 4 per cent growth for the year.

In August Japan had a \$1.57 billion (£1.05 billion) surplus with the EEC countries and a \$4.42 billion surplus with the US. The overall surplus was \$7.5 billion for the month. compared with \$3.49 billion for the same period last year.

The measures, the third package this year, come after months of urging from abroad that the Japanese economy be stimulated in the hope that more imports will be sucked in. But only additional capital expenditure by the inter-national telephone service KDD, which has recently shown greater willingness to purchase from abroad, is likely to involve imports.

Three thousand billion yen of the package will be local and national government expenditures, with the balance coming from the private sector. By increasing the amount available for mortgages from the government housing loan corporation, the Government expects to see an extra 30,000 housing units built this year. It will also spend an extra 1.400 billion yen on road improvements.

Other measures are to help small industries hit by the rising yen to find new markets and secure employment in those industries, and to ensure that the benefits of the stronger currency are passed on to the consumer. TOKYO: Three Japanese

companies have joined a US company in a feasibility study on a new satellite telecommunications service in Japan (AFP reports).

The Tokyo-based company formed for the joint venture, Japan Satellite Communications Network Planning Corporation, hopes to prepare the way for a high-speed data transmission service linking corporate clients by way of small Earth satellite stations similar to the very small aperture terminals of the US. It would also provide a circuit-leasing service.

Afghan siege forces united rebel attacks

Nicosia (AP) - Nine Afghan rebel groups have agreed to step up attacks against government forces and the Soviet Army in western Afghanistan to ease pressure on several hundred guerrillas besieged by 20,000 troops, the franian news agency Irna

reported yesterday.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the groups met on Thursday at Mashhad in Iran, near the border with Afghanistan.

One killed in Bangladesh student riots

Dhaka - One person was killed and more than 100 others were wounded when border guards were called to quell nots between university students and transport workers in northern Bangladesh on Thursday (Ahmed Fazl writes).

ed after a group of workers attacked a woman student, forced the closure of the university in Rajshahi Town, about 240 mile from Dhaka.

The violence, which erupt-

gunfire for deaths From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo The Citizen's Committee of result of the explosion, one Batticoloa in eastern Sri was electrocuted when a high tension wire fell on him while Lanka yesterday said that 11 civilians died and 30 others the others waiting at the bus

Tamils blame police

were missing after police drove through the town killing indiscriminately. It said the police also set fire

to shops while Air Force planes strafed areas of the

The missing include 23 people who had watched a film at the Rajeswary Theatre and who are alleged to have been held by a police task force. The Citizen's Committee has sent a telegram to President Jayewardene asking for an immediate official

The incidents occurred after a car bomb exploded on Thursday near a bus stand. The Citizen's Committee said the blast killed only two civilians; 11 others whose bodies were taken to a mortuary died of bullet wounds. The Government confir-

stop died as a result of the But a press release yesterday said "terrorists had fired" at a Jeep carrying seven policemen who were injured by the car bomb explosion back to their

"It is believed some civilians might have been seriously injured or dead as a result of

the terrorist fire," it said.
The Minister of National Security, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, said the explosives had been detonated by remote

He said that the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the most hardline of the five principal extremist groups, appeared to be responsible for the attack.

Earlier this week, he toured Batticoloa and told security forces that winning the hearts med that 13 people died, but and minds of the Tamil claimed three were burned in civilians was an important a bus which caught fire as a aspect of their work.

nieces are married to children of one of the The retrial was ordered last week by the Supreme Court, which said last December's acquittal of the former Armed Forces chief General Fabian Ver. 24 other soldiers and a civilian was a "sham"

Singaporeans targets of a state Cupid

Singapore (Reuter) - Singapore's state matchmakers said vesterday they were planning a campaign to encourage thousands of secondary-school graduates to marry.

Officials at the Govern ment's one-year-old Social Development Section (SDS), said they would invite the young people to meet members of the opposite sex at social events in 100 clubs all over the

The SDS has run 2 number of small gatherings, but the thirector, Miss Ng-Chen Chai Lec, said that virtually all Sinpapore parliamentary consti-tuencies would organize discos, dancing classes, fishing trips and weekend outings for single people aged between 20

She expects some 20,000 to be attracted to the scheme by

Chirac setback on television privatization From Susan MacDonald

The Constitutional Council, France's highest authority on constitutional matters, has annulled two articles of the Government's broadcasting Bill which was pushed through Parliament in August by means of the guillotine, which

cuts short debate. The two articles concern the rules governing the privatiza-tion of France's main state television channel, TF1, and the re-allocation of two existing private channels.

The council is worried that the Bill does not guarantee the pluralism of broadcasting and guard against takeovers by large press groups. Its objections mean that a housed in the archaeological museum of Plovdiv, Bulgaria's second largest city. But for the new Bill will have to be passed

through Parliament this au-

turns to clarify this point.

Top Bulgarians linked to coins fraud By Roger Boyes East European Correspondent

garia has uncovered a smug-gling and counterfeiting racket which diverted gold and silver pieces from one of the world's most valuable coin collections and sold them to private dealers in the West.

Although the court proceedings which ended last week have carefully avoided naming names, it is clear that highlyplaced memebers of the Bulgarian establishment were involved in the frand.

Bulgaria is a veritable goldmine for numistraziists with dozens of archeological finds from the 14th century and earlier yielding thousands of unusually well preserved coins and seals. Most of them have been

past decade the coins have been disappearing. About 12,000 ancient gold, A marathon trial in Bul-silver and copper coins are missing from the inventory, including a unique exhibit — a silver seal of Tsar Ivan

Alexander (1331-1371). When a Western expert wanted to inspect gold coins found in an archeological dig in the village of Malko Topolowo he realized that they had been replaced by worth-

less lead fakes. For the past six years the museum director, Mr Christo Ivan Dzambalow, has been on trial. His explanation was that the coins were "borrowed" by various important, but un-

Most of them signed re-ceipts but very low values were placed on the coins. One receipt, for example, is for 432 coins valued at only 33,725 leva (about £11,000) which is only a small fraction of the

The Tsar's seal, worth several thousands of pounds, was signed out for 200 leva, or £67. Evidently the signers conve-niently lost the borrowed coins and netted a huge profit.

Who waylaid the coins? There is some speculation that the borrowers were friends of the late Mrs Ludmilla Zhivkova, the daughter of Bulgarian leader, Mr Todor Zhivkov. For most of the period of the fraud she was in charge of Bulgarian culture, a very active member of the Polithuro and the Culture

She thus carries some of the olitical responsibility for the fraud even if she did not personally profit from it.

It used to be a common practice in Eastern Europe to borrow pieces of furniture or paintings from museum storerooms and treat them as one's own property. Many of those associated with Mrs Zhiv-

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in 1981 at the age of 39 — were famous for their high living, including shopping trips to Vienna and Paris. The children of Polithure

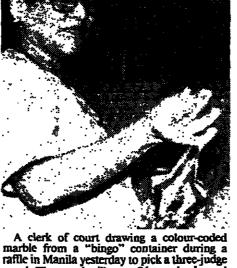
members have been known to

smuggle valuable art works from Bulgaria into Turkey to finance their trips to the West. Mr Dzambalow, however, has been extremely discreet throughout his six-year trial. The receipts he has shown in his defence have been mainly signed by people now dead and the charges against him have been whittled down to "wastefulness" and "mis-management of a state

Due to lack of evidence, the indees have decided not to put him in jail, but to fine him about 112,000 leva (£37,500). That is about 40 years average wages, or the market value of about 10 of the missing coins. The mild sentence suggests that he is reaping the reward of his

WHAT TO DO IF INTEREST ON YOUR **SAVINGS** SEEMS TO **HAVE** REACHED BOTTOM.

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panel. The panel will retry 26 people charged with killing Mr Benigno Aquino in 1983.

Judge Conrado Molina, who refused to

handle the original trial because of his family

ties with one of the accused, was appointed



defendants.



DIARY Simon Barnes

Send for Botham

have already signed for another club. Yes, they have agreed terms with Hungerford. Town, football lub of the Vauxhall Opel League. Buth are pretty good footballers, if a hitle long in the toothe Botham's exploits for Scinthorpe and Y cavil, have, not gone without notice but Richards trumps that by being the only person to have played in both the cricket and the. football world cups he played for Antigua during the qualifying stages of the football competition.

Both have their commitments

over the winter, but Hungerford are optimistic that both will be. able to play regularly in the new year. The club's secretary, Kerth Lovitt, said: They are both very keen to play for us, and we would love to have them in the team. They are good players. Their first appearance together should be in a match to celebrate Hungerford's centenary next Simday against Somerset cricket club. No one is quite sure on which side Richards and Botham will play.

Stylized

Meanwhile I learn from a poll commissioned by Polaroid that Botham is the 27th most stylish. person in Britain. Only one other sportsman got into the top 50 -Sebastian Coe, at 43rd, Fascinat ing to recount, 60 per cent of Botham's votes came from men under 35, while Coe's support came mainly from over 45s. To put all this in context, the Princess of Wales was first, Prince Charles second and Prince Andrew joint third with Terry Wogan

Flat broke

How fich and glamorous is the world of racing. Take the glittering line-up for the Bewdley Selfing Stakes at Wolverhampton on Monday. Matt McCourt, proud trainer of the winner, Lisakary, said afterwards: That must be the worst race ever run. He had something of a point. It was eleventh time lucky for Lisakaty. The six three-year-olds in the race had between them 36 runs, which included one second and one third. Sporting Life, which gives horse-ratings which sometimes go up into the 90s, did not give any rating at all to three of the runners. One was rated at two, and with masterly understatement said to be "disappointing", Lisakaty's tri-umph was rewarded with the princely sum of £731.30. This being a selling race, she was offered for sale aftewards at £800. There were no takers.

BARRY FANTONI THEOTIMES FOR SPORTING PAPERS

Demonballs

An attempt on the century-old record for throwing a cricket ball failed this week when Don Topley of Essex managed only a mere 332ft 11/th: team mate Keith Post, who had been expected to get close to the record - 422ft suffered a bout of nerves and was yards below his previous best of 414ft. Doubt surrounds the date of the record throw, by Robert Percival. Wisden has long recorded it as 1884 and the Guinness Book of Records as 1881, but researchers now point to 1882. And how accurate was it? A correspondent was told by his father, who witnessed the throw. that it was paced out rather than measured. Until 1938 Wisden also included a throw by an Australian aborigine called King Billy in 1872. According to the "notable gentleman" who witnessed and measured it, he hurled in at 427 ft 6 in, but they knocked off the 71's ft because they were using a cotton tape and not a measuring chain. Has poor King Billy been unjustly treated by history? It is up to Kenh Pont to sort the matter. out once and for all by throwing 429 B and more. He has resolved to have a crack at it this winter.

Swing low 🗀

Why should the devil have all the best games? Northwood Hills Evangelical church in north London converted - itself into- an independent driving range for six men has summer and now chars a remeability traffers on the eathern I there have been gest, there says would the guardic while the back the euteboulland gave advice. The bath were plastic, with holes in. the kind that don't shatter stained glass windows. The aim was to bring non church-goers through

the doors. I hope the scheme

con inues to succeed. It ought to:

goliers know more about praying

than most sportsmen.

High, wide and Hanson

fame was as actress Audrey Hepburn's fiance, James, now Lerd. Hanson has come a long way. The oft 4m Yorkshireman once made headlines as a debs' delight: today it is said that he buys and sells whole industries at

the flick of his fingers: An exaggeration - but not much. A few days ago, his company, Hanson Trust. sold: Courage; Britain's sixth largest brewers, for. £1,400 million. The deal was remarkable on a number of scores. Firstly, Hanson had owned it for a mere five months. Secondly, he sold at an astonishingly fav., ourable price. Thirdly, the deal represents a deliberate break-up of

Not many years ago, it would have been politically, socially and financially unacceptable for any aggressive company to mount an ... assault on an enterprise as big. as i successful and as well-known as . Imperial with the sole aim of breaking it up for a swift profit. But for Hanson and his col-

leagues, buying and selling bigger-and yet bigger companies may-have become more important

The official Soviet cultural weekly Sovetskaya

The official Soviet cultural weekly Sovietskyn Kul'tura has published excerpts from a new play which is expected to be performed by groups all over the Soviet Union in the coming months. It is called Sarcophagus, and its subject is the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

In committing a historical event to drains so soon after its happening, the writer, Vladimir Gibarev, has revived a practice common in the 1920s in the Soviet Union when the revolution and civil war were the subject of plays taken around the country by groups of actors.

The practice went into disuse, largely because the weight of the cultural bureaucracy made it hard to publish, and then stage, quick-reaction

hard to publish, and then stage, quick-reaction works. The publication of the Chernohyl play is

tantamount to a statement by the Soviet authorities that change is aloot, both in cultural

policy and in policy on information.

than actually running them. It is ... Hanson quietly ran solid manu-

John Bell, City Editor, on the tycoon for whom takeovers are a way of life

something that he has learned to do with astonishing success. Starting with only £150,000 of his family's money - made out of road haulage - he has created a collection of companies here, in Europe and especially in the US that together rank among Britain's biggest half dozen corporate empires. Anyone who put £1,000 into his first venture in 1964 would now be sitting on £500,000.

Hanson's recent wheeling and dealing has created controversy in the City, but he was regarded as one of the country's best-known conventional, almost to the point businesses. Imperial Group of boredom, during the heyday of of boredom, during the heyday of stock market operators like Jim Slater and Sir James Goldsmith. He seemed to have a penchant for boring companies in well-estab-lished industries, provided that they had surplus assets available for sale, generated liberal amounts of cash, and showed a reasonable return on capital during the ups and downs of a business cycle. So while others became stained with the label "asset-stripper",

facturing businesses like bricks. batteries and engineering prod-ucts. But towards the end of the 1970s the takeovers and sales became bigger and more frequent. And as the targets became greater and more grand, so did the profits.

Perhaps the greatest coup to date was the takeover in January of the US conglomerate SCM, best know in Britain for its typewriters. for \$930 million. Hanson Trust immediately began carving it up at an immense profit. By selling the SCM paint operation to ICI and other minor disposals. Hanson has recouped the whole of the purchase price. In other words, in a matter of months. Hanson has gained control of a major office equipment and chemicals company at almost no cost.

After the sale of Courage with its 5,000 pubs, the scoresheet on the break-up of Imperial is looking almost as remarkable. For a net cost of £1,000 million, Hanson has companies which last year made profits of about £200 million — superb going by City standards.
With its balance sheet im-

mensely strengthened by all these disposals, there is hardly a business in the UK which Hanson could not afford to buy. Corporate finance experts now reckon that with its current cash and borrowing facilities, a bid of over £4,000 million is possible.

But in the City there is increasing unease. Is this recent success real, or is it the hyper-activity of a strategy which demands bigger and more frequent takeovers, closures and disposals? Does it really benefit the economy, and where might Hanson style mega-bids and mega-breakups lead if allowed untrammelled freedom? Lord Hanson and his closest

supporters defend their record stoutly on the grounds that they are merely indentifying underpriced or under-utilized industrial assets, and that companies joining the group benefit considerably from the Hanson treatment. The judgement of history must

wait until Hanson and his longstanding partier, Sir Gordon White — both in their sixties — hand over the reins to others. Until then the jury is out.

Against the conventions that have been broken, however, many have been upheld. The uneducated people, the peasant woman, the general's driver and the power station worker are sympathetically drawn and show most on sense after the accident.

recognition that the authorities have a responsibility to people as well as to official

Chernobyl - which in Russian means a variety of plant akin to wormwood — circulated widely in the Soviet Union after the accident.

While posing questions about how Soviet society is organized and functions, the play can in no way be regarded as subversive. Rather, it harnesses many of the points Mikhiail Gorbactiov and others have been making in the wake of the accident; the calls for more openness - but not too much - and the

Inquest on Chernobyl

What is unusual about the published excerpts

of the play (which may not be true when the complete version becomes available) is the

absence of the exaggerated heroic tone common

to so many Soviet press reports of the disaster.

There is criticism and pessimism. The pre-eminence of science in Soviet society (embodied in the figure of the physicist) is called into question. So is a system which demands speed before responsibility, and prefers officials predictable in their duliness and loyalty to those

who question orders:

Even in the short published excerpts there

are allusions to cowardice and attempted cover-

ups and public ignorance about the dangers of radiation. The peasant woman's references to wormwood and gall and the apocalypse are based in fact. Rumours about the imminent end

Scene: The experimental section of the Institute of Radiation Safety. A large reception area with a number of numbered cubicles behind. Hen. Red lights come on the distant wail of a siren. Anna Petrovna (on the phone).
Impossible! How many I don't believe it! We thought it was only a practice. Yes, all three of us are here. (puts the phone down). An accident at reactor No 4 at the atomic power station. A bad fire. Several dozen people hurt. Some with radiation burns. They'll be here in a few minutes . . . (to her assistants) It's a red alert . . No, not war . . An explosion at an atomic reactor. No. not an atomic explosion. The red background gets brighter

and brighter, Screeyev enters fol-lowed by two workers carrying a stretcher. A driver follows them. Sergeyev (to the driver): How do Driver: All right,

Driver. Only for a moment . Anna Petrovna (to Sergeyes): He's got a slight rash on his face. How much has he had?

Sergeyev: I don't know. He was waiting for his boss - a general inthe Internal Police - at reactor No 4. He waited three hours. There. was as much as 500 roentgen an hour in places. ·

Assistant: Why did he wait? Sergeyev: He was waiting for hisboss. He had to. Assistant: But there was radi-

Sergeyev: My dear, radiation has. no smell and no colour. And thebosses are used to being where the action is. Enter Aunt Klava, a peasant

woman; a physicist and several Sergeyev: So there was an explo-

sion after all? Pulsyna: Of course. It's just that some people need to prove there wasn't, that there was only a fire. Sergeyev: Is there really such a big

Ptitsyna: A vast difference. An explosion counts as a crime, but a fire is just negligence. That is why the procurator was on the scene immediately. Mind you, for them (turning to the cubicles) it doesn't matter any more.

Klava: I've got to get back to my house . . . Dashka the cow hasn't been milked. Assistant: Don't worry. That'll be Klava: The hens haven't been fed.

There was only me and Dashka. And she hasn't been milked she'll die. Assistant: I'll phone to ask someone to milk her. Of course, I will. Klava: And have them feed the hens as well. Dashka's all I have. She's old and sick, but she feeds

be wormwood ... and the river water would turn bitter ... Assistant: Wormwood ... rivers flowing with gall . . . Is she delici-Ptitsyna: It's the apocalypse. You

me . . . They told me there would

start thinking about God and the Assistant: How did she get here? Pritsyna: There was fall-out from the reactor. She was working inher garden. The cow was nearby..." and the flens. The doses they got were fifty times above the danger. level. Everything was dying, but the hens seemed not to be affected - except that they became very

Harman Comment of Sport 111 Pritsyng: Don't Don't fell her. Dashka and all the other livestock in the zone were slaughtered. It had to be done.

aggressive. Started attacking the

The general comes out of his General: The water here is dreadful. I washed my hair, combed it: and it's coming out in clumps... to the physicist): It's



all your fault, you physicists. You think atomic energy is the future of civilization ... bombs, reactors, power stations. . . . you've

invented them all. Physicist: Why are you blaming us? A reactor is a miracle. But you have to treat it properly. It can take a lot, but there's a limit. Just like there is with people.

General: What do you mean? Physicist: I could be wrong, but I think the safety system was shut off by someone.

General: But who? Physicist: That is a very difficult opestion. . . . Driver: Some senior official.

Physicist: Yes. An ordinary operator couldn't take that decision by himself. The stage darkens. The red flame

hums even more brightly. Radiation monitor: I had no idea how much radiation they had been exposed to. I thought it was less, but it was 200

Procurator: Do you not have a duplicate set of machines? Monitor: Where could we get them from? The ones we had had been repaired over and over again. and they were about 30 years old. Procurator: But it was a new. power station, only ten years old. Monitor: That's neither here nor there. Our machines came from a warehouse somewhere. They were sent to us rather than being written. off. We coped, so long as there wasn't an accident. We mended and made do. And we were well organized. Commissions from Moscow came to check: They always found everything in order. Operator: You may not have known what was going on. But I knew. I saw the graphite red-hot. Pieces were falling on the floor of the reactor. They were bright blue and glowing. Even without yourmoters it was clear that it was not 20, not 200, but 1,000. Can I ask. something. When did they evacuate the town?

Procurator: On Sunday. In two and a half bours flat. They got a. thousand buses and took everyone 2W3Y. Operator: But why didn't they

announce it right away on the radio. Procurator: They were waiting for the government commission. Operator: Why? Would it have decided something different?. Why

Procurator: No one could take the Operator: Couldn't, or wouldn't? Procurator: Didn't.

Operator: You ought to be asking

why they didn't, not auizzing us. The problem was we were always in a hurry, we pledged to have the reactor finished three months early, and in operation two days early. We asked four times for new meters, but no one was in any hurry at the top . . . The builders rushed the whole thing through. Underneath the reactor you'll find

sake of some sort of award. Who needs that sort of speed? Procurator (to the general); It was your signature on the document accepting reactor No 4, wasn't it? General: Not only No 4, all of them. I have worked here for 15

hunks of concrete, a couple of

mechnical diggers, and all for the

years. . Procurator: Did you know about the fire in the textile factory-in Bukhara twelve years ago? General: It is a textbook case . . . Procurator: Yes or no?

General: Of course. Procurator: The roof was made of easily inflammable material. It burned in five or six minutes. The guilty parties were punished. General: Yes, but . . .

Procurator: Why did you sign the acceptance documents when the was made of the same material and you knew that it was forbidden to use that material in industrial projects? General: I objected . . . I told the

heads of the ministry. Procurator: But you still signed? General: But you know what level a power station is accepted at? My signature was a pure formality. Procurator: The fire in the machine-room was no formality. It went up like gunpowder. That sort of roof was banned twelve vears ago. Why was it used? Head: There was a lot of it in the warehouse. We had a deadline to

General: If I had not signed, someone else would have done. Or do you only sign things you can sign with a clear conscience?

meet.

Procurator: Were you told that there was not just a fire but an explosion as well? General it was hard to find out immediately. Procurator: Did you inform the relevant people about the explosion? Yes or no? General: I called the Ukraine

Council of Ministers, I was told:

Fear makes everything seem bigger. Mind your own business: your own business is putting the fire out as quickly as possible." So that's what i did. Procurator: Why did the firemen not have protective clothing? Not one of them, According to the regulations everyone at the fire station must be provided with it. General says nothing.

Head of power station: No one:

thought it would be needed; it was Procurator: You mean you were economizing? General: I refuse to answer that:

auestion: Procurator (to head of power station): You were not at the power station at the time, is that Head: I could not get back in time,

But I was there at the beginning. Procurator. Did you realize what had happened? Head: Nearly. In general. Procurator: And you left?

Head: I got out. You understand ... Procurator: 1 know that your

grandchildren were at home, by themselves, and you got in your car, picked up the grandchildren and went ... You understood better than anybody what had happened. Yet the very next morning there were children play-ing football outside. And people were selling fresh eucumbers on the streets...Let me ask you something quite different. I have seen your papers. At school, at the institute, you weren't especially bright. But you were the only one of your group to become director of a power station. The others didn't make it. Why? Head: I worked. Probably harder

than the others, so I got ahead. Don't worry. I didn't have any "helping hand". Papa is not a minister, my mother-in-law is a worker. No one helped me. I did it all by myself. Procurator: But why was the

previous head of the power station dismissed? Head: Everyone knows. He had four reprimands for disobeying in-Structions.

Procurator: But they talk about him with respect, affection even. Head: I know but he was a difficult character. Procurator: Of course. He didn't obey all his orders. He challenged them. Incidentally, he was dead

against accepting reactor No 4. Why didn't you object? Head: I didn't object, but I made requests, wrote letters, I worked through the usual-channels. And I didn't get any reprimands. Is that so very bad?

Procurator: But your predecessor had four - and not a single serious. incident. You had none, and an

accident . . ; .

Michael Kinsley

A cynic's guide to passing exams

Each year more than a million American high school students take a half-day exam called the scholastic aptitude test (SAT). The principal test for admission to university; the SAT is roughly equivalent to the British A-level. with two interesting differences.

First, it is composed and administered; not by any government authority, but by a private concern called the Educational Testing Service (ETS), which runs exams for everything from private preparatory school admission to certification as a professional

Second, unlike the A-level, the SAT is completely multiple-choice and graded by computer. This is a practical necessity, but it is also central to the claim that the SAT is "objective": Despite ETS's protestations that the SAT "is not a test of some inborn and unchanging capacity", the cultural consensus is that the SAT ranks everyone in America on a brainpower scale from 200 to 800.

Few college admissions actually turn on SAT scores. The real social function of the SAT is as a ritual celebration of America's treasured belief in itself as a

meritocracy.
Until 1979, ETS was all-powerful. Its questions, answers, and score calculations were beyond challenge. In that year, New York State passed a so-called "truth-intesting" law giving outsiders access to £15's questions and allegedly correct answers. That, began a process of demystification which culminated this month with publication of Cracking the Sys-(cin. by Adam Robinson and John Katzman, inventors of an SAT coaching course called the Princeton Review

SAT coaching has become big business. What is so subversive about the Princeton Review is that it starts from the premise that SAT measures nothing important. Rather, it's simply a jest of how good you are at taking ETS tests." By nutriessly ignoring all considerations of genuine ap-

titude, and concentrating instead on the gimmicks and flaws and comically predictable habits of mind that are built into every ETS exam; the authors claim to produce dramatic increases in students' scores. One hilarious insight is that a multiple-choice question is merely

one that the average person gets wrong. The test writer's challenge is to make sure the average person gets it wrong, rather than getting itright at random or right for the

wrong reason.

The girly practical way to do-this is by putting in so-called

right, but aren't. For mechanical reasons, the questions in each section of the test start out "easy" and get "hard". The trick, therefore, is to look for the obvious answer and choose it if the question is near the beginning of the section, but eliminate it if it is near the end-

For example, one possible and? swer to a maths question is oftener "It cannot be determined from the information given." If the question is near the end, you can be sure this is the wrong answer. If the question is near the beginning it has a 50-50 chance of being

That's just one way to use? knowledge of how the test works? to outsmart its attempt to measure. anything else. Even funnier is the advice for answering questions on "reading comprehension", which consist of a passage followed by

questions about it.
You should not attempt to understand the passage too thor oughly - in other words, you should not try to comprehend should not try to compenent it, the authors advise. Just go, through and circle words like "but", "although", "however", "yet", "despite", etc. Seventy perfect of the answers are "hidden", behind words like these that reverse the logical flow of a

After accusations of cultural bias in the 1960s; ETS began adding an "ethnic passage" to each SAT. Don't even read it, says." Princeton Review. "The tone of the ethnic passage is invariably a positive or inspirational. Answers choices that express negative on unflattering opinions about mings orities, therefore, can always be eliminated." .

Likewise anything negative about professional or cultural types. You would be exceedingly unlikely to find an SAT readings passage about threaring doctors ruthless lawyers or unscrupulous scientists."

Cracking the System is subversive on both the practical and the intellectual levels. As a practical matter, the secrets available for? \$9.95 in this book will wreak? havoc with the test results. # Intellectually, these secrets under-mine the pretension that the SAT measures anything important.

The best you can say for this monument to meritocracy; after-Cracking the System, is shat it tests a certain animal cumning that may be a better measure of future success in American society than ETS style aptitude, anyway.

The author is editor of New Republic. He will be writing out this page every formight.

Woodrow Wyatt

Calling up an SDP winner

When the SDP was launched I had out on Thursday, a two-child much sympathy for it and was; almost tempted to support it. Most of its founders were old friends who shared my view that the Labour Party in the years to come was irretrievably lost to the extreme left. It was not the social democrat party of Attlee of Gaitskell; even the party of Harold Wilson could make some claim to containing the Militants, Marxists. and Trotskyists who, after the next election, will dominate the Par-

liamentary Labour Party. Britain, broadly, is a moderatecountry, with a vaguely Conser-vative half and a vaguely left half. By its extremism Labour had. clearly begun to forfeit the support of the latter.. The SDP, I hoped, would take over from Labour the representation of those who are not normally Conservative, though often inclined to vote that way, and offer the electorate a solid social democratic party — one which the West German equivalent used to be striving. with the support of the unions, to create more wealth before distributing what was in the kitty.

thus weakening the prospects of the nation becoming richer. It is not working out like that The SDP is sound on trade union defence. But it has been badly bitten by the redistribution bug, convinced that sharing out static wealth is better than making it grow. In the US the Democratic Party, with some parallels to the SDP, has welcomed the Reaganadministration's new tax proposals, under which most would pay no more than 15 per cent of their income and no one would pay more than 28 per cent: Americans realize that the more millionaires there are the more the standard of fiving will rise throughout the nation. It was predictable that Labour would

oppose this reasoning but it is near fatal for the SDP to do so. The SDP's grandiose scheme for raising £7 billion extra revenue for redistribution to the poorer may have superficial appeal. David Owen proclaims that it will touch the conscience of the nation. He is obviously affected by opinion polls suggesting that people are prepared to pay more tax if the money goes on various aspects of social welfare. That is dreamland. Everyone likes to be thought good natured when the question is posed but, faced with the reality of what it would mean to them, they

react differently.

However much the SDP tries to put a gloss on the proposal, the public is getting the point that many ordinary voters would pay a lot more. As the Guardian pointed

family with the man earning £8,000 a year and his wife £4,000 a year would find themselves £2000 out of pocket. Those families where the man works but the wife; stays at home would not be disadvantaged until they got to. £17,000, after which they would be clobbered. Working couples would suffer at all levels. It all' smacks of the old, unpopulare redistribution policies which shuf-L fled disposable incomes around: without giving the incentive to increase them and the nation's

Higher taxes would force up wages and inflation. The public is aware that a compulsory incomest policy — the SDP's proposed cures — would be as disastrous as any.

previous incomes policies.

Then, who is to be leader? The, Alliance cannot bring itself to say in advance of the election. David Steel is seen as more lightweight than Neil Kinnock, Alliance vot-ers would prefer Owen. But there are certain to be more Liberal MPsin the next Parliament than SDP, so Owen would have to be Number Two.

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I sense that for the time being the SDP and the Alliance have reched their peak and are slipping. By-election successes are always ephemeral. They are as inaccurate guide to general election results as the poll question "Which party? would you vote for if there were as general election tomorrow?". As, there is no general election tomorrow, the average respondent cannot grasp the mood he would be in if there were; his reply is in-fluenced by irritation with some aspect of the government's policy dislikes, or by a passing distaste.

for the prime minister.

As the election approaches there will be a falling away from the Alliance with many feeling that? free enterprise is safer in Mrs Thatcher's hands than those of anyone else. Average earnings are rising by 8.4 per cent while inflation stands at 2.4 per cent. And many unemployed, with their black economy earnings, are not noticeably dissatisfied with the present arrangements.

If Owen and Steel were to dosomething dramatically new their standing could improve. For instance, every opinion poli shows overwhelming support for a form of national service to instil discipline among the increasingly unruly young. That would be an election winner. Mrs Thatcher is, afraid to risk it. With so little to lose and so much to gain why should Owen be fearful? On his present course he may not do as well at the next election as he did: in 1983.

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DISASTER IN THE AIR

When the British Airways 737: that three hydrants contained jet crashed last August at neither water not foam.
Manchester eventually taking According to medical evthe lives of 53 passengers and idence, however, that did not two stewardesses, it was at first thought to be a survivable incident. As the coroner pointed out yesterday, there was no crash impact, no violent movement and no damage to the aircraft's interior such as to make the evacuation of passengers difficult or impossible. Moreover, as he also pointed out, both crew and rescuers behaved with conspicuous courage.

What caused the appalling loss of life was an unpredictable and almost unbelievable succession of accidents, errors and mishaps. As the plane was taxing to take off, a repaired combustion can suptured in the engine and burst through an under wing access panel allowing hundreds of gallons of fuel to spray onto the hot engine. That caused an explosion and a fire that spread to the rest of the aircraft.

The captain, hearing the sound but thinking it was a burst tyre, aborted the take-off - a decision he made in 0.7 of a second - and taxied off the runway. This put the plane in way of a light crosswind which drove smoke and fire back into the plane's interior, blinding and choking the passengers.

The confusion inside was worsened when inflammable seating material caught fire, giving off toxic fumes, and one exit door jammed. Despite that the crew, including two stewardesses who died in the attempt, helped 82 people to escape from the plane. Firemen arrived only a minute after the crash, but they found

contribute to the loss of life since anyone still inside the fusiflage after two minutes had either died or suffered inretrievable poisoning.

It is plain from the catalogue of events revealed in the coroner's court that unforeseeable mishaps rather than errors were by far the main causes of this tragedy. It was simply not known beforehand, for instance, that a light crosswind could cause such fromble in the event of a plane's being on fire. Now, however, it is known and British Airways pilots have instructions to take the direction of the wind, however light, into account

Three human errors were

revealed, however. The first was that some hydrants at the airport were dry. The coroner yesterday, pointing out that this failure had fortuitiously not caused any loss of life, declined to "ferret out" the individual responsible but allocated broad responsibility between the city engineer's office, the airports authority and the contractors working there. Since lives might have been lost because of such an oversight, the three bodies must publicly demonstrate that nothing similar could

occur again. Secondly, one exit door failed because the lanyard intended to release the passenger's escape chuteafter the door was fully open, actually released it too soon and jammed the exit. Tests have since shown that the lanyard works perfectly if the

FAIR EXCHANGE? disbanded. Five weeks before

the new more competitive

trading system starts in the

big bang", the Exchange is

Most of Britain shares two preconceptions about the City of London. One is that finance pulls the strings of industry rather than serving it. There is certainly some truth in that, The other is that the stockbrokers and merchant bankers go about their traditional bowler-hatted ways, enjoying short working days, long lunches and the protection of a cosy club while insisting that productive industry should change, cut jobs and overheads, and work harder.

That has changed to a far greater degree than is, even now, generally imagined. The City revolution, though conceived in expansion rather than decline and covered in money rather than blood, is as comprehensive as anything experienced in the great industrial centres.

Only three years ago, the Stock Exchange agreed to abandon fixed commissions on stock and share dealing in return for the dropping of an action in the Restrictive Practices Court. At the time, many individual members thought their council leaders, notably the Stock Exchange chairman Sir Nicholas Goodison, had gone too far. Votes on subsequent reforms were strongly

contested. The logic and momentum of change has proved so strong, however, that earlier this week, the Stock Exchange Council effectively agreed to reconstitute the Exchange, shedding the right of individual members to voting control. The club is about to be

A Spanish tax inspector, it is

reported, boarded a Mediterra-

nean cruise ship incognito, to

check, on behalf of the fiscal

authorities, whether returns

made by the cruise company,

in respect of food and drink

consumed, tallied with the

reality. No doubt feeling that if

he wore his normal business

suit he would lack conviction,

he donned his brightest holi-

Two things followed

quickly. First, his disguise

proved to be inadequate; he

was unmasked immediately.

Second, it turned out the ship

had a substantial complement

of British holiday-makers

it was merrily) they compelled

him to walk the plank; more-

over, when he had walked it,

and was swimming round and

round, doubtless wondering

what to do next, some of the

merrier girls on board dived in

after him and merrily removed

his shorts, having earlier re-moved the top half of their

The inspector thought it best

not to attempt to complete the

voyage, swam to the nearest

beach, and made his way home

bathing costumes.

Merrily (at least we presume

aboard.

day garb and went aboard.

almost unrecognizable. Only one of the leading firms has remained independent. Most are controlled either by British and foreign

banks or by new financial houses, often built around merchant banks. The departure of the in-

dividual as voting member (as already, in many cases, as partner with personal liability) was occasioned by the equal merger of the Stock Exchange with the International Securities Regulatory Organization, an infant grouping set up by firms outside the Exchange to regulate their activities under the new Financial Services Bill. The majority were overseas houses, predominantly American and Japanese, which could not have hoped to enter the old club.

That the Stock Exchange should agree to such a merger. barely conceivable to most of its members only a year ago, is a reflection of the new priorities. Britain needed to have a single unified market if it was to compete with other financial centres in the new electronic era of twenty-four hour worldwide trading which has already engulfed currency and international bond markets and is rapidly taking over the dealing in shares of the world's

leading companies. The new Stock Exchange will be run by the firms that will constitute its membership, many ultimately controlled

FOURTH LEADER that the money he paid for trouserless; a sadder and a wiser man, he rose the morrow morn. We ask our readers to believe that we think the behaviour of the passengers

was outrageous and indefensible. A tax inspector has a necessary and important job to do, and if he is an unpopular figure it is doubly unfair, for it is not he who imposes the taxes he is obliged to collect. The more we think about it, the more shocked we are. Only, and much to our embarrassment, we keep finding ourselves looking out of the window and starting to

There is something in the picture of a trouserless tax inspector swimming for dear life which brings out the worst, or at the least the most irresponsible, in us.

A man comes to check the accounts, and shortly afterwards is seen trying to thumb a lift from a passing dolphin; he goes to great pains to find the brightest pair of Bermuda shorts the local boutiques can supply, and is obliged to go home without them, and indeed without any certainty. that his superiors will agree them was incurred wholly, necessarily and exclusively in the pursuit of his official duties. (And if not, what about his insurance company? Most insurance companies would call that an Act of God, and they wouldn't confine themselves to our modest giggle, either; guffaws-would be the order of the day.)

We have never actually thought that the sight of a fat man, even one wearing a tophat, falling over on a bananaskin was funny. But we can accept the metaphor, and we suppose that the thought of a taxman suffering hideous wounds to his dignity is the most extreme form of it.

The taxman represents inescapable necessity, he embodies scrupulous respectability. he symbolizes the world of the iot and tittle. And now he has been pushed into the sea and debagged; is nothing sacred?

Probably not. This episode can be regarded as a further indication that mere anarchy is loosed upon the world, or as a welcome break in the gloomy news; as we have hinted, we tend to hold both views simultaneously meanwhile.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Because the prosecution process

in this country has never been

concerned directly with sentenc-

ing of offenders, no Crown

representation was present in

court to draw the judges' attention

to these precedents during this

The merits or otherwise of this

situation are a corollary to the

Government's recently rejected

flotation of whether or not the Crown should have a right to

appeal against lenient sentences

and, thereby, whether it should be

in attendance to assist the court

upon an appeal by convicted

extent to which the selection

committee and coaches who

However, if clubs and governing

bodies prove unable to eradicate gratuitous field violence and its shocking example to hero-

worshipping youngsters, this source and the corresponding legal

precedents and principles should now be pinpointed as the key to avoiding further prosecutions of

KGB's hostage-taking of an irritat-ing veteran Moscow journalist. In the eyes of the world this should not weaken the US stance

at any forthcoming summit but rather invite sympathy for such

failures to achieve agreement with

the Soviet side as are bound to

the murky espionage world, but imaginatively John Le Carré's

novels have reminded us to

appreciate concern for an individ-

trail whenever it occurs, if rarely to expect it from either side. For once

the United States has done better

LESLEY CHAMBERLAIN,

Pollution processes

From Professor P. C. G. Isaac

Sir, I can understand the Minister

of the Environment wishing to

publicize the Government's de-cision to fit scrubbers to three

power-stations in Britain. Mr

Waldegrave is inaccurate, how-

ever, in saying (report, September

12) that these are the first scrub-

bers to be fitted to British power

Battersea was required by law to

fit a scrubber in the late 1920s.

the flue gases from Fulham power

station were scrubbed by the

Howdon-ICI process in the 1930s

(bombed during the war and never replaced) and a half-chimney wet

scrubber producing ammonium sulphate and elemental sulphur

was fitted to a power-station in the

Midlands in the 1950s. I believe

that the Reinluft process, using a

semi-coke for dry scrubbing was tried out in the 1960s on the half-

It seems to me that these

tisfactory for one reason or

processes having proved un-

another, what we are now seeing is

a reinvention of a - possibly differently shaped - wheel; let us

hope that it is more successful this

allowing one of their military

greats to suffer such an indignity.

Indeed this country, 140 years previously, had granted the family of Lord Nelson £5,000 pa in

perpetuity. This only came to an

end in 1951:

As a nation we cannot really expect people of the right calibre

to come forward for public service

if this is the treatment they can

expect. Things are better arranged now, I know, but this particular piece of bureaucratic meanness

should not go unrecorded and

Sir, A very beautiful memorial

already exists in the RAF chapel in Westminster Abbey. The Battle of

Britain stained glass window is a

fitting tribute to "The Few". Furthermore, Downing and Tren-

5 London Road, Arundel, Sussex.

and the number of conferences

2. It is commonly recognized that

the fees paid by Unesco to its

auditors (who have formerly been

employees of the British Govern-

ment) should benefit a member

pation. British authorities did not

expect to continue to profit from

Unesco in this way after withdrawing from the

organisation, despite the efforts in

some quarters to manufacture

synthetic indignation on the sub-

ject. Your Correspondent fails to mention that Pakistan's Auditor-

General has now offered to take

3. Your Correspondent is surely

aware that delegates from Unesco.

as from other UN bodies and

international organisations, tra-

ditionally attend meetings of the

OAU and of the non-aligned

movement. It is in our view

scurrilous to imply, as she does,

over as Unesco's Auditor.

chard are each buried there.

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Yours faithfully,

House of Lords.

Yours faithfully,

held is to be cut.

AUDREY ROBERTS,

From Dr A. F. Roberts

chimney scale.

Yours faithfully.

PETER C. G. ISAAC,

10 Woodcroft Road,

Wylam, Northumberland.

2 Daysbrook Road, SW2.

Not much light is refracted from

I am, Sir, yours faithfully EDWARD GRAYSON,

4 Paper Buildings,

Temple, EC4.

September 18.

than you say. Yours faithfully

September 15.

players.

The other issue concerns the

week's hearing.

Prison sentences for rugby violence On hostile terms

From Mr Edward Grayson Sir, The Court of Appeal's confirmation of David Bishop's prison sentence, albeit suspended, for rugby field violence (report, September 18) directs attention to two crucial but separate issues which may be easily overlooked. One concerns the wider issue of procedure on criminal appeals; the other is the legal position of clubs and committees on sporting vi-Olence.

door is opened slowly and

carefully, fails if the door is

opened hastily. Since the plane

was on fire, haste was the order

of the day and door jammed.

significant. Pratt and Whitney,

the engine manufacturers, had

sent out letters notifying air-

lines that three minor faults

commonly experienced with

similar engines could indicate

more serious flaws within the

combustion can. And, in fact,

these minor faults had been

detected and rectified in 17

incidents over eighteen

months on the port engine that eventually exploded. But be-

cause that port engine was

fitted with the latest modified

can. British Airways officials

believed that the minor in-

cidents did not indicate the

more serious flaws which they

believed were a risk only in

engines with the unmodified

can. These 17 faults, in retro-

spect, should have alerted

British Airways to a possible

the progress of safety in air

transport has often been ad-

vanced by the evidence col-lected following major air

crashes. Twelve major recom-

mendations to improve air-

craft safety have already been

made by the Civil Aviation

Authority in the light of the

Manchester crash. The dan-

gers of inflammable scating

material have also been

pointed out to those respon-

sible for manufacturing busses

and cars which have a far

greater chance of being in-

volved in a fire. It is sad that

these advances for the rest of

us should have come at so high

from New York, Zurich or

Tokyo. It is an imaginative

and far-sighted concept. But

where does it leave the in-

dividual? Many stockbrokers,

young and old, are much

wealthier and have

unimagined corporate career

opportunities — but mostly as

The responsibility of the

individual to his client and to

his fellow club members, sym-

bolized by face to face trading

and the principle that my word

is my bond, were just as much

a part of the old system, as

were the old divisions of

function to minimize conflicts

of interest. The much-delayed

Financial Services Bill will

eventually put a new sys-

tematic framework of super-

vised self-regulation in their

place. More important, per-

haps, is whether individuals

will stick to the principle

rather than merely the -

sometimes indefinite - letter

of the law as their loyalty

switches to fiercely competing

The City has every chance of

becoming again the most

successful financial centre in

the world. It will certainly be

able to give investors and

companies a much more ef-

ficient service, just as the changes in manufacturing in-dustry have transformed ef-

ficiency. As in the boardrooms

of industry, however, the par-lours of finance will have to

develop a new but just as

strong sense of personal moral-

ity and responsibility if the

change is to be more than an

mixed blessing.

employees.

It is a macabre thought that

risk.

The final error was the most

During the course of coursel's address to the Court of Appeal on behalf of Bishop it became clear that the overworked judges in the criminal division had not been assisted as they should have been by the staff behind the scenes. Sporting violence, happily, does not come before the courts as often as it could if every playing field assault were prosecuted. Nevertheless, two landmark de-cisions are available to anyone concerned to trace them.

In one, the first-ever recorded prosecution of a rugby player for a field offence, a South Wales jury convicted a player who broke an opponent's leg in a game. He received a 9-months suspended

sentence (R v Billinghurst, 1978); The other was the first-ever custodial sentence imposed upon a player for an offence on a rugby ield. At Croydon Crown Court the player was sentenced to six months, reduced on appeal to two months (R * Gingell, 1980). The injuries were more serious, but the principle of a custodial sentence for field violence was established.

Daniloff affair From Ms Lesley Chamberlain

Sir, The US compromised its stronger political position over the Zakharov-Daniloff affair to en-sure that an individual deeply strained by his detention without trial was transferred from a Soviet prison, where he now accuses his keepers of mental torture.

If the decision to equate his case with that of the spy Zakharov was taken for purely humanitarian reasons, to release him from unnecessary suffering, as US spokesmen maintain, then con-trary to your editorial (September 15) it does matter, because it reveals a redeeming sense of priority and a pattern of behaviour markedly superior to the

BBC building plan From the President of the Royal Institute of British Architects

Sir, There is growing interest, curiosity and concern about the BBC's plans for the White City. Stuart Lipton wrote to you on this subject (August 23). The BBC is a uniquely important cultural institution and it should continue to set a good example to the nation and to the world in its architectural patronage.
I appreciate that the White City

development must take place within stringent conditions of time and cost; there are also specialised operational requirements affecting the total plans with which the first administrative phase must conform. However. these constraints need not inhibit the appointment of an outstanding architect with the authority to see through a distinguished and

The Royal Institute has serious misgivings (which are wholly shared by the Royal Fine Art Commission) about the way the Corporation appear to be setting about things. It must be hoped they will still find it possible to get it right.

Yours faithfully. . A. L. ROLLAND, President, Royal Institute of British Archi-66 Portland Place, W1.

Battle of Britain

From Lord Dowding Sir, I read with great interest and welcome of course, today's letters from Dr Brian Porter and Air Commodore Chisholm, and have ome grounds for hope that a sintable permanent memorial will one day soon be forthcoming. I write to protest mildly against the evident English belief that

recognition, 16 years after death, in some way compensates the individual concerned for the in-gratitude shown to him during life. 'I think that my father, Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding (1882-1970), would like to have been romoted "Marshal of the Royal Air Force", and this indeed would have carried concomitant financial advantage.

But in the event this considerable public figure was retired on a pension not far exceeding £1,500 pa, and this in the days preceding indexation. His later years were clouded by financial insufficiency. I cannot imagine the USA

Reform of Unesco

From the Director of the United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Sir. As an association which is genuinely concerned to see Unesco become a more streamlined, a more democratic and a less bureaucratic organisation, we would make the following comments on Diana Geddes' report on Unesco reform (September 10). ·

1. All member-states have been consulted about the organization's priorities via a questionnaire, the results of which will be presented to the current meeting of the executive board by the Director-General. Nearly 28 per cent of Unesco programme activities are to be decentralized in 1986 and programme execution is on target for 1986; "paperflow" within the the taxman cometh, and goeth. organisation has been reduced by with the police From Mr D. C. T. Frewer

Sir, Your leader on the St Paul's riot (September 13) criticised those who regard the arrival of police in their local community with hostility but failed to take into account the physical remoteness of the police from most people. This is an unfortunate, nay dangerous, result of modern police management practices. Policemen are now increasingly

based in large, centralised stations; travel around in cars or on powerful motor-cycles whilst wearing in the latter case forbidding-looking uniforms and equipment; and are often seen on foot only in large groups. The superchoose (albeit unwittingly) violent. ficial analogy with the armed offenders against the laws of a game, should also be considered for indictments or charges in the criminal courts, and liable for damages in the civil courts.

Hitherto such a concept could have been dismissed as fanciful. forces becomes ever more obvious and their separateness from us as individuals ever more real.

One answer to this social alienation must be a return to locally-based policing by bobbies on their beat or foot, in all localities, not just a few. Budget priorities should be changed to getting more man-power on the ground in all "manors", rather than more equipment.

A few years ago we lived in Tokyo where the police have all sorts of sophisticated equipment and their riot squads are menacingly efficient but where they put great emphasis on the "Koban" small police boxes manned at all times by one or two policemen with a bicycle - which are located in every small ward. Those policemen have to know their "manor" and visit every home in it at least once a year. As a result "ask a policeman" is still a natural attitude there.

Yours faithfully D. C. T. FREWER, Windrush Lodge, Middleton Park. Middleton Stoney Nr Bicester, Oxfordshire.

Hungry for Christ From Mrs Nerissa Jones

Sir. There is much more fundamental agreement between the Bishops of Birmingham and Durham than the title "Why Durham is wrong" (article, September 13) would suggest. They both agree that God is neither a triumphalist worker of "laser-like" miracles, nor an interventionist in the natural world.

In relation to famine, however, Bishop Montefiore unfortunately seems to give the impression that individual human suffering has a lesser importance in the larger scheme of human salvation on the cosmic level. He writes:

Famine is terrible indeed for those who suffer or die from it. But is not eternal salvation in the end more important? Is the higher priority given to food a sign of a secularised

The blunt answer to both questions is "No". The higher priority given to food is on the contrary a sign of a Church becoming more aware of how an incarnational belief hallows the total human individual here on earth.

If the Bishop had been much with people starving to death, as I have too many times, it would have been indelibly impressed on him that food is in fact the first prerequisite to an experience of eternal salvation. Only those with food can live to experience and respond to God's love and eternal salvation, which begins here and now, and is for Christians the supreme experience of the living. Yours faithfully, NERISSA JONES,

15 High Street, Cuddesdon, Oxford.

Training ordinands

From the Reverend P. H. Vaughan Sir. Clifford Longley's article (September 1) on the inadequacies of the Church of England's structures for training its ordinands failed to notice that at least a quarter of the Church's ordinands do not train in residential colleges

The annual statistics published by the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry show that in October 1985, 740 men were in training for the priesthood in the colleges, but a further 255 were in training on the regional non-residential courses which now

network England. That is to say. 25.62 per cent of priests then in training were not resident in colleges. If those in training for accredited lay ministry (mostly deaconesses) are also taken into account, the percentage of those training on courses rises to 31.4 per cent.

Yours faithfully. PATRICK H. VAUGHAN.

East Midlands Ministry Training Department of Adult Education,

University Park, Nottingham. that representatives of Unesco were sent especially to these meetings as personal ambassadors

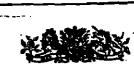
4. Your report failed to represent the judgement of those countries

most closely concerned with the progress of reform, all of whom are represented on the executive board: Japan, West Germany, Canada, France and Sweden. Instead it gave priority to the viewpoint of an individual who is not an active participant in the executive board meeting and whose desire to see the reform process succeed is open to ques-

Yours faithfully. MALCOLM HARPER, Director, United Nations Association of Great Britain and Northern Ire-

3 Whitehall Court, SW1.

September 16



ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 20 1935

The "worthy hope" expressed below, in the final sentence, was frustrated by the Second World Wor, but 50 years on, according to the Automobile Association, much of the road is motorway. The distance from London to Constantinople is about 1,900 miles, and the usual route is

Motoring to Constantinople A new line is being drawn acros

through Germany and Austria, thence via Belgrade and Sofia.

Europe, beginning in London and ending at the Golden Horn. For the first nine miles or so it is wel defined. There is no mistaking the London-Dover road, or its continu ation from Calais to Cologne; or the fine German road that goes as straight as a lance from Cologne hrough Frankfurt and Nuremberg Difficulties begin only when Vien-na is passed. The short stretches of good road on the outskirts of Central European and Balkan cities are mostly linked by miles of cart-tracks that have a way either of disappearing under mud or ballooning splendidly with dust Rivers have to be forded at many places. Gradients are erratic; and oulders and deep ruts give alarm ing exercise to the springs of a car. But where now most indistinct the line is to be continued firmly Nine Governments along the rout are cooperating to make a wide and straight motoring road, unbroken from Calais to Constantinople. An international conference on the subject ended in Budapest yesterday. Last week the representative of the various Governments, including the British, met there to draw up an agreed policy. This week further details have been discussed by the Alliano Internationale de Tourisme Roadbuilding or reconstruction has already begun in Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Rumania, where the Governments have voted large sums of money for the project. Each country will naturally build and pay for the stretch of road within its frontier — as indeed it could have done before ever the scheme was raised. What it gains by the international agreer the knowledge that the road will be continued at the other side of the frontier and that traffic will be encouraged by easier Custon rangements, by refuelling depote at regular intervals, by standard ized signs over the whole two thousand miles length of the road and by the service of interpreter and guides at each frontier. The Balkan countries that have been the most dilatory in road-making are now the quickest to see the advantages of a coherent and cooperative scheme.

It is expected that the last link of the road will have been made, the last dust-bath abolished, by 1938.

A motorist would then be able to leave London with one set of Customs papers and, travelling only by main road, reach Constan tinople (or, branching at Budapest reach Bucharest and the Black Sea) in five or six days. In ever direction the motorist's opportuni ties for trade and pleasure have increased beyond all reckoning turing the last few years. Grea Britain is threaded by main roads north to Inverness, west to Cardiff and to all places between. In set a standard of design and construction that all nations have noted. In Germany the Reichsautobahn is evolving new methods of construction and combining efficiency with a severe and satisfying beauty. The Gross Glockner road over the Austrian Alns has opened a fresh highwa etween Germany and Italy. At al points on the new motoring map o Europe there is testimony to fine feats of engineering. The opportu lities for peaceful communication are endless, and it is the builders most worthy hope that with the wider opportunities internations good will may also be increased.

In the belfry?

From Dr Richard Seddon Sir. Perhans Mr Porter (September 10), when he seeks advice on how to install a stuffed owl into the church for which he cares in order to scare away the bats, should be reminded that these creatures are very strongly protected by law against disturbance.

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. 1981, it is illegal for anyone without a licence intentionally to kill, injure, handle, disturb, photograph or in any way to interfere with roosting bats.

It is also an offence to damage, destroy or obstruct access to any place that bats use for shelter or protection, whether bats are actually present or not, to disturb a bat using such a place, or interfere in any way, without notifying the Nature Conservancy Council in good time for them to inspect the situation and either give or withhold permission to act. The penalties are severe.

.These harmless little creatures are not only under threat of extinction; they also devour on the wing hundreds of tons of insect pests that bite and sting humans and animals and spread disease to livestock and plants. Yours faithfully. RICHARD SEDDON 6 Arlesey Close, SW15.

Looking askance From Mr R. N. Pittman

Sir. The guard's announcing that "the approaching station is Durham" (letter, September 17) has echoes of Sam Goldwyn standing at the liner's rail and wishing bon soyage to those on the quayside seeing him off. Yours faithfully, ROBIN PITMAN, Headmaster.

St Peter's School, York,

'winner

Irem West

THE ARTS

Television

Until last night, none of the British television stations could claim superiority over e others as an outlet for faintly blue films. But by a single bold unnocuvre. Chan-nel 4 has now achieved the particular field.

e, berdered in red, which k. also known as a al du screen warning of sounds like some out of the Highway

What the triangle means, however, is that Chaimel 4 will feel able to show films which coutain wielent and sexual scenes of a more extreme sort than have appeared hitherto. Jeremy Isancs, the peny's chief executive, ments: "Viewers are caof making informed themselves about what atch. This symbol will

But he has failed to explain if the principle of choice is the only one to apply, why it is that he does not support the showing of any film on tele-vision. He may even be mildly amoyed that the Independent Brendensting Authority will not allow him to show really explicit movies should they be, in the opinion of Channel 4, of an "acknowledged artistic

In practice, of course, lib-ertarian principles are not the only ones which ought to inform the choice of films for television. However late such films are shown, some children will see them, more than would be, the case if the films were only available on video and in

Last night's film, Themroc. de in 1972 and starring Michel Piccoli, was about human being who started to behave like a wild beast. That is a fascinating theme, but if film makers wish to explore it in a particularly unabashed in a particularly unabashed way, their work should not be

In the next few years, such films may start to be broadcast from satellites whether our ic televisi like it or not, but Mr Isaacs is not under a moral obligation to

Matthew Hawkins

Matthew Hawkins, a refugee (like Michael Clark) from the

Royal Ballet in search of new ays of dancing, found an

interesting path to explore in a

dance quartet he made a year

or so ago to Couperin's

Apotheose de Lully. That piece

serves as the core of a larger

production A different set of

muscles, which he is present-

The starting point remains

FORSYTHIA-Bursts into bloom

during March like a ray of sunshine. A

good sturdy shrub, grows to a height of 8'. AMELANCHIER (LAMARCKI)

-This shrub, which is smothered in

white star-shaped blossom in early spring, produces edible fruit and

autumn. A shrub of great appeal. Grows up to 7%'. MOCK ORANGE (PHILA

branches are covered with large, snow-

white flower clusters which fill the air with a delicious, sweet scent. Grows up

to 6'. POTENTILLA-A really pretty

shrub covered in a blaze of buttercup

yellow blooms between June and September. Grows to 4-5' in beight. SIMONSII COTONEASTER -

Lovely growing crect shrub, semi evergreen with small white flowers in the

love in December. BUTTERFLY BUSH (BUDDLEIA) -Outstanding

long-flowering shrub; attracts butter-flies. Racemes of fragrant flowers, it is 10-12" long, continues to appear from July to September. Grows up to 6'. SPIRAEA VAN HOUTII-A compact wish, throwing out numerous arched branches, each branch being covered with a myriad of delicate white bloom. Grows up to 8'. CYDONIA JAPONICA -Grows 4' tall, and has vivid scarlet

April onwards. DEUTZIA-Grows tall, producing white flowers in

early summer.

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bright red berries which the birds v

nner followed by a copious crop of

DELPHUS VIRGINALIS)

with its scarlet red foliage in

an analogy between the ornate

splendours of the baroque art

ing at The Place this week.

The Place



Julian Barnes's new novel has collected plaudits in plenty this week. He talks to Simon Banner

Word painter's brush with the future

Barnes, "I have to feel like a painter who thinks he can paint the whole world, or at least who makes that a part of his normal ambition. At the end of the run, of course, it might turn out that one is better at trees than at people, or better at people than at buildings perhaps, but at this stage it's dangerous to think I can't do the whole world."

So far, Julian Barnes has proved himself to be, if only average at trees and buildings, rather good at people, and beyond compare at pairots. Translations of his last novel, the intricate, original, much-lauded Flaubert's Parrot (or simply The Parrot, as he tends fondly to refer to it). line the shelves of his airy study in quiet testimony to international recognition of that pre-eminence, and a newly arrived Swedish version sits on his desk: "It's 255 pages! The thickest

Barnes himself, then, must be happy that his new novel, Staring at the Sun, published this week by Jonathan Cape, is his longest yet, while the rest of us will be pleased to discover that it is his most ambitious to date as well. In charting the long life of its central character. Jean Serjeant, the novel ranges from an opening in 1920 to a fi-nal section set, rather surprisingly, in 2020. But it is perhaps the memorable creation of the initially appallingly naive but by 2020, wry and incisive Jean that must be Barnes's major

"Writing a book from a woman's point of view", says Barnes, "seemed to be a part of the necessary education of being a novelist. I felt that I had to huckle down and do it. In the end I've discovered that I don't find it harder doing women than men. I begin with the active aspect of entering into a character imaginatively, by looking at someone who resembles him or her, or thinking about what this character must look like. Then I just let it flow."

The decision to write not only about a woman, but about a woman who has her allotted three score years and ten, and a few more as well, left Barnes with the dilemma of either giving Jean a Victorian childhood and ending in the present day, or of beginning rather later and ending up in the future. He took the second, far less obvious

"It seemed inevitable because I'd also decided that it would be interesting to write something beginning in the period before the Second World War, because it's the period just before I was born, and therefore the period people talked about so much as I was growing up but which I hadn't ever experienced. So I had no choice but to end up in 2020. Anyway, I think the main point about the future is that it's going to be rather like the present - if we don't blow ourselves up first, that is. Still, I half expect to see those words

'Orwellian vision' in a review."

Born in 1946, Barnes spent his childhood in Leicestershire and their London, before he had what he recalls as several "spectacularly inactive" years in Oxford reading French. "I wasted a lot of time. I certainly didn't think I'd be a writer. It's a bit like being an engine driver for a six-year-old
you'd like to be one, but you don't
seriously believe you could be."
Instead he became a lexicographer on the Oxford Dictionary (in the "sports and dirty word department") for another three years, before coming to London to read for the Bar:

He soon discovered that he was much more interested in writing unsigned reviews for five pounds a time for The Times Literary Supplement than in the law, and made his way, via a celebratedly waspish colurn on The New Review, to posts on The New Statesman, The Sunday Times, and latterly as The Observer's television critic. Barnes's days on The New Statesman, when he met and made friends with people who turned out to have been at Oxford at roughly the same time (Craig Raine, James Fention, and Martin Amis, among others), undoubtedly gained him the precocious literary brat-pack.

I'm unable to deny that I'm friendly with other writers of my own age, but the kind of comment I sometimes get, of the 'I hear you're a member of the London literary maia' variety, is absurd. Martin, I know. tikes to play up to it, though, and tells people we've had meetings to discuss who we're going to kneecap next. But what influence do I have? I'm a retired television critic and, for the time being a full-time novelist."

There are four novels now to his: name, each coming out at regular twoyearly intervals since Metroland in . 1980. It must seem. Barnes suppos as if there is a regular production line taking roughly twice as long as Anita Brookner's, but it's really not a bit like that." Production line or not, there is already another Julian Barnes novel under way, yet beyond acknowledging its existence the author is disinclined

to go.

Mention of the Booker Prize, for which Staring at the Sun is already talked about as a main contender brings a hunted look to his face. "Ah yes", he says, "the annual obsession. I don't want to think about it. It's much more important whether one's satisfield with the book oneself and whether it's still in print in ten years' time, and anything on top is a bonus.

Concert

Singular pride and passion

LPO/Tennstedt Festival Hall

Beethoven is the sole content three programmes with the London Philharmonic Orchestra this season, and in this opening concert the emotional gamut was concentrated still further: to the E flat major grandeur of the "Eroica" and the "Emperor". It proved to

be an inspired choice. In both symphony and concerto the orchestra responded to their principal conductor's urgent direction with some pride here which augurs well can be maintained.

werse. Andrew Gimson symptoty's man vibrant the finale those great rising pace — an aggressive one-in-a-bar tempo which, in its single-fifth motifs stirred the spirit Richard Morrison

masque of Venus and Adonis.

with its high-flown speeches

and elaborate behaviour mino-

tured by the arrival of Molly

Parkin as a coarse-mannered

cupid straight out of Christ-

Having added John Blow's

Dance

Modern classics

and the equally ornate arti- of his own long solo which

music to Couperin's, Hawkins because the replacement danc-

throws in for good measure a ers are less skilled than the

Paganini Cantabile for violin original ones. Perhaps because

and piano to accompany part of that, even Hawkins's own

minded ferocity, sent the name Karajan fleetingly across the mind — and only really relented to give the development's crunching disof Klaus Tennstedt's first cords due stridency. That seemed to release pent-up tension; thereafter more

flexibility was encouraged in the phrasing. In the funeral march the pattern ran in reverse. The opening was a subdued whisper, as if in reaction to the first movement's epic struggles. Then, in the fugue, Tennstedt suddenly unveiled a new sonic world. The purists might have winced on seeing six horns fiercely exultant playing and four trumpets, and cer-There was a passion and a tainly those brass entries had more than a hint of Bruckner for the rest of the season, if it about them, but the concept

was audacious and the execu-Urgency was certainly the tion exhilarating. foremost quality in In fact this was a great night Tennstedt's interpretation of for the horns. Their crisp and the Third Symphony's first vibrant trio crowned a splen-

ficial attitudes of the post-punk generation. Paralleling pious extracts from vel of control in slow turns this, Hawkins presents a Glazunov's Raymonda to and balances.

which his newly formed Im-

minent Dancers Group cavort

happily, dressed in gold or

silver paint and not much else.

Apothalypse, forms a final

divertissement. Its demanding

choreography suffers a little

This striking collection of flowering shrubs is a noteworthy

addition to any garden. Shrubs often grow to a large size and can

be counted on, if tended properly, to produce lovely blooms. These

have been selected for their quality, colour and potential size.

The earlier piece,

buzzing by then. The violins regained their confidence after a sticky moment near the slow movement's conclusion, and some classic Tennstedt "dynamic bulges" were applied

with extravagance. Maurizio Pollini, the pianist in the Fifth Concerto, was another in rampant, determined mood. The fingerwork was as hard-edged and brilliant as usual (though possibly over-pedalled at times), and his flamboyant tempo fluctuations created their customary drama, not least by posing Tennstedt some minor en-

semble problems. But this interpretation did seem to miss some of the gentler nuances, especially in the Adagio where it was the woodwind soloists who supplied the most beguiling

dancing at that point seems to

though his stamina and light-

ness remain impressive,

almost as much as in his

His pupils who make up the

supporting group are full of life and enthusiasm in some

neat burlesques of classical

hallet Mark Frskine-Pullin's

costumes are pretty and Mary

Lemley's backcloth amusingly suggests an epicene Hawkins

gazing at the godess and her

John Percival



Off-centre world

The News Paramount City

O'Brien is the star of Paul News, which is performed as a piece of loud and smoky cabaret at Paramount City Theatre. Although he is off Stage for much of the evening. O'Brien is its presiding evil genius as he plays a celebrity-killing gunman who hits the neon wilderness of urban

America in a riot of newspaper hype and excitement. The city's editor, a heavy, swaggering fellow in designer clothes and a handsome moustache, uses the press at his disposal to get the city humming with rumour about this demon in their midst, only to find that the man is dating his daughter, through a lonely hearts advertisement in her father's paper. Inevitably, of course, there is a climatic

and fatal showdown.
O'Brien was the begetter of The Rocky Horror Show back in 1973, where he invented a trend-setting blend of theatrical rock and camp Hollywood pastiche. Since then, he has suffered a few reversals, and it is easy to be obtuse about the off-beat momentum of his work. He is too intelligent to belong in anyone's genre, and perhaps that is his trouble. He fits well into The News, which is partly a smart-talking satire on the brutalizing ethos of the entertainment business, and partly a catch-in-the-throat ballad opera about loneliness

and broken dreams. Taken singly, both of these

worked, but combining them, as Pulse does here, strikes me as an invigorating and enjoy-Gaunt-featured Richard able thing to do. The News is O'Rrien is the star of Paul held together by a mood, and

> O'Brien does more than anyone to make the form workable, throwing a spectral shadow across the story's candyfloss romance, and conjuring up the stench of those ugly concrete jungles which turn failures and derelicts into junkies and killers. He is a figure from some Gothic nightmare and it is his

Electric guitars how and

Bee Jaye, who plays his love-lorn daughter, has big, saucer eyes and a torch singer's sense of style and occasion. O'Brien keeps those Bram Stoker eyes of his hidbehind evil looking shades, but his sinister energy

Andrew Rissik

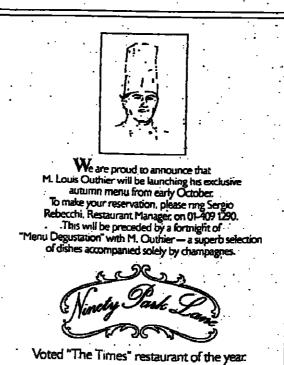
Figure from a Gothic nightmare: Richard O'Brien

showcase musical numbers is thematic rather than narrative. One is entertained not by the slight, nominal plot, but by the show's off centre view of the world as a brash, insolent circus where people are carried along by a crazy surge of adrenatin.

presence which holds the evening together.

screech, a walloping percus-sion section rocks the floor, and the singers have strong, virile voices full of nicotine and liquor. Peter Straker's editor is a dapper conman, a glinting-eyed gangster whose smooth bearing might have been learnt at the Cotton

drenches the evening



Radio The afternoon's little pleasures

It used to be Afternoon The-speakers' private thoughts, atre; these days it's The After-then back again.
noon Play, a change that Denise Robertson (yes, she noon Play, a change that brings it in to line somewhat who led for the Common belatedly with radio drama's Woman on a recent Any right and proper insistence Questions?), sounded as if she that it is not offering the had written The Plucking Post equivalent of stage plays but is (Wednesday) in two minds an important medium in its that scarcely knew each other. own right Otherwise, dra- The play concerned an ammatic business in the after- bitious middle-class couple poons is much as usual.

This remains the biggest single slot for radio plays, providing three a week. While radio Drama Critic — twas I — The Afternoon Play can still touch those nadirs of writing, acting and production which used to send me into a weekly stupor. At the same time it can also turn in some of the best things to be heard on radio.

It didn't achieve one of its peaks in the week past, but its that old-style Afternoon Thethree productions included atre-stupor coming on. the truthful and exceedingly A Few Kind Words (Tuesday), and given a well deserved

second hearing. Tommy (Emrys James), a newly retired and widowed Derbyshire miner, comes south to visit his married daughter (Patricia Gallimore). Daughter has been to university, has come up in the world: Dad is stuck fast in the attitudes and values of his community; she has all the escapee's resentment of them. The rift between them widens to a gulf and is not bridged until his death, and then, oh so tentatively.

The writing here was excellent, hard and well-shaped, and the author had made fine use of that inimitable radio device that allows you to pop out of dialogue and into the

The play concerned an amwho hire an old gardener and then begin to suspect that he has sexual designs on their providing three a week. While little daughter. Nothing could standards have improved im- be further from the truth and measurably since those distant it is the wife's obsessive days when The Listener had a pursuit of this fantasy that truly threatens the child.

An idea hauntingly conveyed - if somewhat too insistently - by the metaphor of a kestrel hovering, ready to destroy young life. But in between, as if from a different brain, lay tracts of dialogue, sometimes so inept i felt again

Golden Oldies (Thursday), ? well written, the interesting by Roderick Graham, por-blemished with patches of trayed a Scottish couple awfulness and the superior celebrating their golden wedmiddle-of-the-road. The best, ding. Family and friends as-the truthful, was Rib Davis's semble. Surely there will be a crisis? In the event, however, it was all exceedingly low-key. But the dialogue was right and the play possessed a certain genue charm.

> No excuse to slip a bit of music into talkative Radio 4 should ever be missed and An-Invitation to Dancing (Saturday) took the opportunity with both hands. A 16thcentury treatise on French dance by Thoinot Arbeau had been turned by Jeremy Barlow into an eloquent illustrated exposition by the master himself to an inquiring pupil, for which purpose he was able to call on the talents of various musicians he just happened to have in the house.

> > David Wade

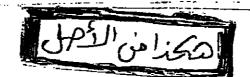
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SATURDAY

A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

Soaps that cleaned up

Next week, television's wedding of the year will take place. As millions of fans get their hankies ready for the moment when Michelle will say 'I do' to Lofty,

Bryan Appleyard goes on to the secretive set of EastEnders, where even Dirty Den has to abide by the rules

ifternoon's

pleasures



n Street; 1967: a bridge falls on Eng Sharples. D: J.R. Ewing is shot by former mistress Kristin.





THE PROGRAMMES THAT PULLED THE PUNTERS

There is nothing like a wedding for attracting ces, as Mrs Dale's Diary discovere back in the early 1950s. But tragedies have a similar appeal and one of the most famous alghts in radio was September 22, 1955 when plazing stable to rescue a horse and was burned to death. More than 16 million people listened in horror as the tragedy unfolded, the event etend that the timing of Grace's de

 Television was not slow in catching on ation Street, which started in December 0, staged its first big audience co September 1962 when the two-month-old baby son of Harry and Concepts Hewitt was kidnapped from his pram. The episode was seen in 8,868,000 homes, probably the biggest television andience in Britain up to that time.

formula at regular intervals. The collapse of the viaduct in May 1967 had 18 million people on edge about the fate of a well-loved character, Ena Sharples, while later the same year the wedding of Eiste l'anner in an American airforce sergeant was watched by more than 20 million. When, early in 1983, Deirdre Barlow finally decided not to leave her dull husband, Ken, for Mike Baldwin, 18.5 million people shared her anguish and the "result" was relayed to a football crowd watching Manches-ter Living Name Cold Torofford ter United play at Old Trafford.

• Crossroads, which began in 1964, had its biggest audience - more than 16 million - in April 1975 when the owner of the Crossro motel, Meg Mortimer married John Richardson. The streets around the Birmingham church where the episode was filmed were jammed and extra police were drafted in the control the crowds. When, in November 1981. the motel went up in figures — with Meg apparently inside it — 15.7 million people waited auxiously on her fate and the number had swelled to 15.9 million when she turned up

Terry Wogan on his early morning radio sh Dallas-fever swept the land in anticipation the shooting of the unsty oilman, J.R. Ewing The event took place at 8.58 pm on May 26 1980, watched by 23.3 million people. Two minutes later the credits rolled to signal the end of the series, with J.R.'s fate unresolved and his would-be assassin unrevealed. In one of the longest cliff-hangers in broadc history, the answers were not given sutil the new series began in November 1980, when the culprit was identified as J.R.'s mistress, Kristin. The BBC claimed 27.3 million viewers, almost certainly the biggest son audience to date.

Not to outdone, the rival high-life saga Dynasty, screened its own horror story December 13 1985 when the wedding of Pr Michael of Moldavia and Amanda Carrington was interrupted by terrorists and a burst of

Peter Wavmark

out the summer. But there are glimpse of Sharon or Debbie,. Pete or Ali, or even of Dirty. Den himself, the role model for every lanky, smooth-

tongued creep in the land. For Elstree is where they make EdstEnders. This BBC1 soup opera pulls in audiences of 18 to 20 million weekly. peaking - in the episode just before Dirty Den's wife Angie tried to "top" herself - at 24.35 million. Next week it will peak again as the wedding of Lofty and single parent Michelle approaches. Forget that little number at the Abbey

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of seepage in July; this is the big one. The show has transformed both the history of British scaps and the recent history of ioned East End square, in the fictional London borough of over so most 44 uncase — fictional London purpose given up this waiting game — fictional London purpose even the one who travelled up Walford, is the geographical anchor for a number of tales of anchor for a number of tales of contemporary urban workingalways a few, hoping for a class life. There is a pub - the Queen Victoria - a launderette, a street market, and a canal which seems to exert a

strange imaginative pull on both characters and andience. It is deeply embedded in a culture; that of the cockney proleteriat with its wide boys, stoical mothers and hermetic yet threatening cosiness. In fact, on paper it looks almost like a south-of-Watford version of Coronation Street. But the real EastEnders revolution is stylistic. Where once Elsie Tanner, Len Fairclough and Ena Sharples had seemed

uffused with an immediate, almost dangerous realism, they eventually became, a quarter of a century down the line, oddly formalized and theatrical. The time had come for a new definition of the conventions of soap realism and cometh the hour, cometh And that hour happened to

coincide with another - the hour when BBC1 and its new chief, Michael Grade, needed a bi-weekly early evening hook to drag it out of the ratings hole into which it had fallen as a result of some nifty scheduling by ITV. The news that the BBC was to make a cockney soap was, however, greeted with some derision. An arch chronicle of the lives of pearly kings and queens was expected.
But EastEnders shocked

everybody. Far from being full of "characters", it seemed peopled by evil-minded lay-abouts, forever bickering and forever broke. Its audiences staved higher than expected and then; with a switch in its time slot from 7 pm to 7.30, it shot ahead of Coronation Street. Soaps have come and gone, of course, but this one seemed here to stay - after all these years, the Street had been superseded. EastEnders had a culture as coherent and fertile to draw upon - but the

seemed more, well, real. ofty and Michelle's nuptials, for example, have fired the nation as only Len Fairclough's uppercut to Ken Barlow's chin cut to Ken Barlow's chin previously had. And the whole thing has been made doubly intriguing by the tantalizing air of uncertainty which surrounds it. Stories have been flying about for weeks in the tabloids — where covering East Enders can be a full-time iob - that something will go

wrong on the big day.

"We can confirm there is a wedding," a publicist said coyly, but we have no com-

ment on the outcome."

Down at Elstree plot secrets are sacred. Not a drop must leak - a difficult undertaking in view of the fact that episodes are shot six weeks in advance. A chute in the studio, labelled "Confidential Waste Only", is used purely for shredded scripts. There have, in the past, been wild Press guesses about motor-cycle crashes, babies flung into canais - and one or two bull'seyes - but, overall, the security system works as well as that of, say, MI6.

So the girls on the gate never get in. If they did they would find, after some searching. Albert Square, E20, in a tiny corner of the huge lot. This is the sanctus sanctorum, the East Enders set. It is flanked by the perimeter fence, over which real houses can be glimpsed, in confusing con-trast to the carefully-aged structure of steel, plaster and occasionally, real brick of the

the odd fan has got this far. Usually they remove the street "London Borough of - but Keith Harris, the designer, now secures them with industrial glue and pop rivets. He has even welded on the top of the cast-iron pillar box, which was once dragged to the

to have vandalized the phone box. British Telecom, however, has been doing its bit by trying to persuade the BBC to replace it with a modern black and yellow one - as a piece of

Harris has been with the show since its inception and is responsible for the look and feel of Albert Square. Basically, this means making everything as awful as possible

We come to a far corner of

space full of wet sand - it used to be the building site in Auf Wiedersehn, Pet, you know -and she said, "Whatever you build I want to be able to see that block of flats over there"." He gestures towards a typical East End block, a real one, which springs mysteriously from the centre of

Smith, the producer who -

the conception and execution of the series. They are a fearsome double act. Their power is absolute — and wielded with a Stalinist conviction that he who is not for us is against us.

There are a hundred an their reign - the ferocious cost controls that lead to stars being refused taxis and the near-complete veto on respectable holiday breaks. But such evidence is unnecessary their Shepherd's Bush offices.

Their confidence is awesome.
"Well," Smith says, "the
BBC insisted on doing some market research at the begin ning of all this. But we told them we would only take any notice if it confirmed what we were going to do anyway. And if we had taken any notice we would have had to drop the most successful character. The BBC people were against him

Dirty Den?" 1 venture eagerly, but she declines to go further. But she clearly means Den who, apart from being dirty, fathering Michelle's baby and driving his wife Angie to the edge is, in real life, Leslie Grantham, who served !! years in prison for murdering a taxi driver in Germany. Mention this - and the gleeful surgical recreation of the incident by the tabloids - and the Smith head descends into the Smith hands in despair. This has got to be bluff - Grantham's past can have done EastEnders nothing but good, publicity-wise. But even Grantham is kept in check by Smith and Hol-

land, who control their cast with an elaborate series of rules, the most unbreakable

make a public appearance in character. Leslie Grantham or Anita Dobson cut ribbons and. meet the people, not Den or

As far as the cast are to get this wrong is Channel concerned, much of this 4's appalling Brookside, in power must rest on the success of the series. Most were unknowns when they were chosen, all are now stars. It transformation created an odd wardrobe problem - but nothing that could not be cured by the application of the Smith-Holland boot

hen they started," Smith pretty hard-up. so they turned up in just the right clothes for the show. But then they started arriving in better ciothes and we had to make them change. They often argaed, saying that their character-would wear these things from Dickins & Jones, but I

put my foot down." This state of affairs became even odder when the actors starting saying not only that their character would wear the clothes, but that "I would wear them". Their own confusion about fiction and reality match those of the viewers who have been sending in money to help Lofty and Michelle with their wedding. In this climate of muddled identities the Smith-Holland

iron fist is probably essential. They have to keep the increas-ingly swollen-headed cast of 25 to their relentless six-day production schedule - despite appearances on Top of the Pops and the posse of papa-razzi at every nightclub.

They also must be on guard against the hubris which has been afflicting the show ever since it hit the top of the ratings last October. For, at that point, the tabloids deserted Coronation Street and Michael Grade went into overdrive - dancing in the street with the cast and generally flogging Albert Square for all it was worth.

But Holland and Smith. who created Angels and then killed it when they thought it had run out of steam, know they are in for a long baul. The first three years of piot, which they mapped out on a beach together - are still on course. and they should soon be roughing out the next three. They say they have no idea if it will have the legs of Coronation Street, now nearly 26 years old. All Smith will say is: "When we say it's finished, I hope the BBC has the courage to end it six months later." Smith and Holland's first

version of EastEnders was called The Pub Game and centred on the life of the prototype pub, the Queen Victoria, But their treatment was initially rejected by the BBC, which had just commissigned a series about life in a pub - the abysmal World's

Their style, they say, owes much to Dickens - who, they TV series if he were alive today. From the beginning father of her child. So, on this rehearsal day only Anita Dobson and Leslic realism" which, above all, Grantham are at Elstree and meant staying true to their characters. The model of how

they "don't give interviews". This can't be bad for an actor - from nothing to "I want to be alone" in 18 months. Away from the cameras the Dirty Den aura has gone they spring naturally from the grey C & A-style casual wear rather than the slimy-rat suits he affects in the series. He might as well be in Brookside.

Elsewhere, an episode of the

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subliminal propaganda against the old, red variety.

- worse than the least gentrified real East End square. The reason for this is that everything looks slightly better on television: the small screen spruces things up. So, whenever Harris is on the set, he bashes it about a bit.

the square and Harris pauses, a touch reverentially. "This," he says, "is where Julia stood when this was just an open

Harris is speaking of Julia

along with script editor Tony Holland - is responsible for A WEEK IN ALBERT SQUARE

Producing a year-round, twice-a-week soap is a formidable piece of logistics. EastEnders is rehearsed and shot entirely at Eistree, editing and dubbing at Television Centre in Shepherds Bush. There is one produce? ~ Julia Smith — and a team of writers who work in rotation. Tony Holland, the script editor, writes occasionally, to keep his hand in, and a specific writer may, occasionally, be felt to be a specialist in one type of situation — otherwise it is a strict rota. Holland and Smith know the

Actors are took virtually nothing. "You don't live your life knowing what's going to happen to you," Holland Two episodes are usually shot each week, but currently

no more than they need to.

they are coming up to a double-banking period, in which four episodes a week will be made — this allows time off at Christmas. The schedule as follows: Monday: Morning, rehearsal. Afternoon, producer's run-through.

rehearsing the major moves, and technical run-through to get camers movements and scenery right. Tuesday: All-day rehearsals and lighting runthrough. Wednesday and Thursday: Recording of interior scenes. Working day lasts from 10 am to

10 pm. Friday: Exteriors recorded on Elstree lot and rehearsals begin for following week. Saturday: Rehearsals. Sunday: Day off - for

actors to learn their lines.

SATURDAY

Grape expectation: gumpsed, in confusing contrast to the carefully aged structure of steet, plaster and occasionally, real brick of the of England's hop sets.

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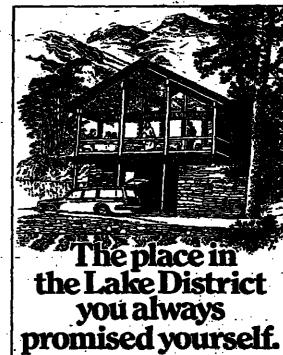




believe would have written

which every character appears with an attached "issue". But Smith and Holland avoid issnes like the plague — unless Grant elaborate card-indexed biog-raphies they have assembled. One of their most daring innovations is being rehearsed. Some time in October the masses are to be being shot.—in the car park treated to an entire episode in which serves as the school which only two people appear. They are, naturally, Angle and Den, who move from down-

children's series Grange Hill is playground. A man in white overalls is pasting up Meat Loaf posters on the take stairs to upstairs at their brickwork with instructions Queen Victoria pub. This is from Harris to "dirty them up extreme soap opera avant- a bit". And, outside, a couple gardism and represents a dar- of mournful teenagers decide



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TRAVEL 1

Not far from the madding crowd



In another of our___ occasional series. Michael Watkins discovers that the

Dorchester immortalized in the great

novels of Thomas Hardy's sleepy

Wessex can still evoke the same magic

Poor William Barnes merits effect that Hyde Park Corner only four excerpts in the is 120 miles away.

Oxford Dictionary of QuotaThe council offices, scene of only four excerpts in the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations, while Hardy wallows luxuriously among 70. There's the rub. I suppose — the reason why Hardy steals most of Dorchester's limelight. If it hadn't been for Linden Lea, I doubt very much if Barnes's statue would occupy prime space outside the parish chutch, leaving Hardy inhal-ing toxic traffic fumes at the

far end of town. He is not amused, relegated to an obscure plinth above the Austins and Toyotas, facing a No Entry sign for the rest of eternity. You can see that Hardy doesn't care for his alternative accommodation in Colliton Walk he wears a brow-creased look of tetchiness that makes you wonder if there may be something in local gossip that he was a grumpy so-and-so.

All billowy-bosomed. bow-fronted as a pregnant marchioness

Dorothy Cox is old enough to remember him. She has read all his books and seen the plays; yet she still recalls the author who lived in Max Gate as a touch irascible. Dorchester used to be a lovely place, she said, but today the

traffic — oh my word, you'd never cross the road! Cornhill is full of Tesco, Presto and Halfords; and soft accents straight from Tess of the d'Urbervilles. High West Street, on the other hand, seems reluctant to acknowledge the century's turn, the clock having stopped in about 1886. There are no lampposts, telegraph poles or wires, although there is a helpful

the Assize Court of 1834, witnessed the trial of George Loveless and his farm worker companions who united "to preserve ourselves, our wives and our children from utter degradation and starvation".
For their involvement in these seditions trade union activities, they were sentenced to seven years' transportation to Australia's penal colonies. It was lucky that these Tolpuddle martyrs were not arraigned to appear at an earlier Assize before Judge Jeffreys; or that they were not guilty of "injuring any part of this County Bridge", for which the sentence was transportation

The judge of the Bloody Assizes lodged opposite what is now the County Museum, housing a collection of Hardy's manuscripts and the remains of reptiles which lived in Dorset – then under a warm sea – 200 million years ago. The museum is a heap of Victoriana, the kind favoured by Betjeman. In fact, the poet knew the area well and it was the subject for one of his most famous poems, "Dorset". I loved the King's Arms Hotel, all billowy-bosomed, bowfronted as a pregnant marchioness; and I much admired the Mayor of Casterbridge's house, currently in credit as a

branch of Barclays Bank. In his "Dorset", Betjeman was so drawn to Mellstock Churchyard, a mile or so from Dorchester (Mellstock, in fact, being Hardy's fictional name for Stinsford), that it amazes me he didn't choose a plot there for himself. He would have found good company, alongside Cecil Day Lewis, Tranter Reuben and all the sign, chiselled in stone, to the Hardy family, including Jude, Gabriel Oak, Angel



the less significant remains being at Poets' Corner in

Westminster Abbey.
Stinsford is where Hardy's' choir sang, treble and tenor, and thorough bass. There's no choir there today but it's a pretty church, with a prettier river walk which the choristers took on their way to evensong...the trouble is that fact and fiction become so interwoven it's hard to tell

them apart.
Was Tess dishonoured by
Alec d'Urberville in Kingsbere or Bere Regis? Where did Sergeant Troy mesmerize Bathsheba with his swordplay: at Weatherbury or Puddletown? Where was the Greenwood Tree: at Hardy's birthplace at Bockhampton or in an entirely different location? There is a whole gallery of not-so-fictitious characters:

Thomas - or at least his heart; Clare, - all drawn from life, their descendants living in Wessex today.
Did I say Wessex? Then it is

time to trade one enigma with another, swapping scenery too; for Hardy's landscape is placid all fleecy sheep, woolly clouds and octogenarians driving 1956 Morris Minors with terrible care all the way to Cameiot. Bovingdon is made of sterner stuff: a fern-covered papier maché countryside, criss-crossed with caterpillar tracks, pock-marked by hightrajectory shells. A real blasted heath. Tank battles take place here and there are scarlet Ministry of Defence notices telling you not to photograph them; a bit old hat, surely, when Russian satellites are at

it all day long?

It was here, after his management of the Arab Revolt, that Colonel Lawrence -

T. E. Shaw, an enlisted man in the Royal Tank: Corps rented a cottage where he worked on the proofs of Seven Pillars of Wisdom. During another incarnation, as Aircraftsman 338171 Shaw,

eventual retirement. It was at this time that Shaw sent Noel Coward a copy of The Mint, in reply to which

the cottage was fitted for

Sheep everywhere, stuffed to the ears in rich green grass

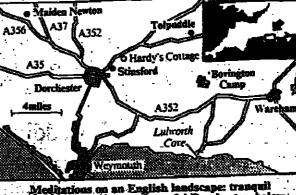
you 338?" And it was from here, in May 1935, that the Oxonian/hero/train-wrecker extraordinary/enigma, swerv-ing to avoid killing two errand boys, finally succeeded in killing himself.

The cottage, Clouds Hill, is for St. Martin's in the Wall-one of the National Trust's for, although Lawrence was smallest properties, its pattern buried in an unmarked coffin of opening times so arcane that I arrived precisely 24 hours early. Humbly, I approached the custodian: "Two o'clock tomorrow", she said. Begging that I'd come a long way cut no ice: "Two o'clock

It looked a small cottage, the colour of desert sand, blinded by shutters against the evil eye and enclosed by a thick hedge. It gave nothing away. Houses are not usually inanimate, living through the

Coward began his letter. Clouds Hill felt like a con-"Dear 338171 ... may I call trivance, hollow. It was right, in a way, that I didn't see inside, any more than I'd want to see inside the sham of Lawrence himself - if such were the truth:

Instead, I took the his opinion, I asked? "Well", Wareham road. I was looking she replied, "he worked quite



Meditations on an English landscape: tranquil Lulworth Cove. left, and peaceful Dorchester, below

hard at polishing his aura of

More sheep everywher stuffed to the ears in rich green grass; and cream teas advertised from every thatched cottage under a canopy of summer beat. I followed a sign to Lulworth Cove because I had my bathing things on the back seat. The chalk cliffs suddenly ended and two arms of Portland and Purbeck stone encircled a lagoon-like bay. There were thousands of peo-ple and muffled crumps from the nearby artillery firing range. The shingle was hell on range. The sningle was nell on the feet and you had to wade almost to Cherbourg to get free of weed, but the water was ingling-cool and tasted of stainstead of the garbage which you swallow on the Côte & Arm

As I floated be modered on what was frequently being described as the "special Mediterranean quality of the at Moreton Church; his offigy
lies in Wareham, sculpted by
his friend Eric Kennington.
It was a real find St
Martin's is 11th century,
musty as an abandonica wardlight" in these parts. There's nothing Mediterianean about the light: it's Dorset light, bright enough to read by, clear enough to see as far as the Dolomites and good enough robe, with a faded metheval to be proud of. fresco and - beneath a Nor-

TRAVEL NOTES

man archway — the prepos-terous likesiess of Lawrence in Arab deess, his hand on a crooked dagger, a camel sad-dle made; his head a Crusader

à recours: One day, I thought, in about 500 years' time, some

American tourist is going to come along and think we all

There was a woman in St

Martin's reading a book of verse. She told me that her father had served with Law-

rence in Palestine. What was

his opinion, I asked? "Well",

dressed like this.

few miles north of Dorcheste at Maiden Newton — Chalk Newton in Tess of the *d:Urbarvilles* — at Malden Newton:House (0308-20336): it is a member of the Wolsey cost £27 to £34 a night, dinner £11.56 each. There are 97 Wolsey Lodges. Information from 17 Chapel Street, Bildeston, Suffolk

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Sunday Times

TRAVEL II

Pirates' French leave

Things have changed on Noirmoutier. Time was when this little island, three-quarters of the way up the west coast of France, was a hive of nefarious activity, providing a haven for pirates and foreign armies who saw it - rightly as an ideal place from which to launch their attacks on the

At the end of the 18th century, it witnessed some of the bloodiest incidents and most concentrated fighting of the French Revolution. Today, as you look out over the descried salt marshes and hear the wind sighing softly in the pine trees, such things seem unimaginable. What you see is an island which is simply very flat, very thin, very quiet and

wery ordinary.

Men with hats potter about on battered old bicycles, plump women gossip as they hang out their washing: little windmills dot the countryside: at the launderette the driers don't work and no one is around to give you the right change. In short, it is French but not particularly French: it is much like any other dozy rural retreat. That, of course. is its appeal.

Because of its size - just seven miles long — it does not take long to discover the principal landmarks and attractions. We stated with the most obvious - the 12thcentury chateau which dominates Noirmoutier-en-l'île, the only town of any size on the island. Inside is a small, homely and uncluttered museum; outside, if your nerves can stand it, you can totter round the ramparts, risking your life on a short stretch



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Marine matters: chatting over a basket of oysters

edge of the sea is a match for

anyone the townspeople of

Noirmoutier have set up a

Neptune rising from the

waves painted on a grubby

wall and a front door which looks permanently locked. In-

beautifully laid out, imagi-

natively lit and boasting a host

of exotic creatures, including piranhas from Brazil and tiny

Elsewhere, eclipsed by

grander things, it would probably not rate a mention. In Noirmoutier it seemed pretty

special. Small, as they say, is

John Carey

NÖIRMOUTIER

crocodiles from the Nile.

it is a revelation -

From the outside it looks

ossessing, even shabby a faded mural depicting

delightful little aquarium.

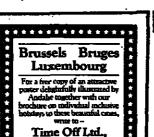
where the path narrows, the wind howls and the safety rail seems on the verge of collapse. The easiest way to recover

your poise is to stroll across the square and take a gentle ride on "Le Petit Train" as it trundles through Le Bois de la Chaise. This north-eastern corner is the most scenically beautiful part of the island and at the height of summer, so we were reliably informed, the whole place positively swarms with them.

Most come pouring in over the bridge, opened in 1971. which connects the island to the mainland. The more adventurous wait for low tide and use the Gois causeway, a road running for nearly three miles across the sea. By the end of August, however, when we arrived, these seasonal invaders - like the pirates of old - had decamped, leaving the natives in peace.

And what peace. Mile after mile of sandy beach - 25 in all - lies empty, save for the occasional family. The bathing is good, the walking even better, you can wander for hours along the water's edge, your face freshened by the wind and warmed by the sun. Marine pursuits, naturally enough, are the main preoccupation of the islanders. As

if to prove that their knowl-



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Noirmoutier claims to have the highest concentration of hotels on the Vendean coast — 17 in all. We stayed at the Hotel La Volière in La Guernnère, on a Just France package organized by Westbury Travel, Westfield House, Westbury, Wiltshire hotel is not included in the Just France programme, options in its touring holidays.

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Wine in the land of the hops

Englishmen are known to become misty-eyed as they drive through the French villages of the Medoc and gaze on the acres of vines bearing evocative names like Lafitte and Latour. They could, however, if they wished, make a wine pilgrimage in their own country.

The varied landscape and soil conditions of the Surrey Downs, rolling down to the Kentish Weald and Sussex, is the bub of English wine growing. Oast houses, a reminder of the area's traditional crop of hops, sit comfortably with the sprawling farms and red brick period homes which tend to be surrounded by beautifully kept gardens and make delightful interludes for a day out.

Before visiting any of the tollowing vineyards it is advisable to telephone ahead to check days and times number of people in your p At peak times you may have to book your tour in advance. Some owners may provide simple food or ofter picnic facilities, but do ask before you arrive. The vineyard tours are modestly priced (usually £2 for adults) and include tastings

Berwick Glebe: J D Broster and D A Birks, Frensham Cottage, Berwick, Polegate, Sussex (0323 870361). Immaculately kept two-acre vineyard handily sited for a good local pub, The Cricketers. The parish church has murals painted by members of the Bloomsbury set and is near Charleston Farm, associated with Virginia Woolf. Wine on sale, but visits by arrangement only.

Biddenden: R A Barnes, Little Whatman's, Biddenden, Ashford, Kent (0580 291726). Its 1983 Oretega win won the English Wine of the Year Award. This 18-acre vineyard, started in 1969 on a third of an acre, produces a range of varieties plus home-made cider. Open May-Oct: Mon-Sat 11-5pm; Sun noon-5pm; Nov-April: Mon-Sat 11-2pm. Food available by

Breaky Bottom P Hall, Breaky Bottom Vineyard, Rodmell, Lewes, Sussex (0273 476427). This four-acre vineyard is reached along a farm track, one mile off a side road. The winery is housed in a period brick and flint building. The dry wines are reminiscent of French, rather than the more usual German, taste. Visits by arrangement.

Linda Carr Taylor, Carr Taylor Vineyard, Westfield, Hastings, East Sussex (0424 752501). The great buy at this 21-acre vineyard is the owners' quality sparkling wine made by methode *champenoisé*, which is exported to France and found on international wine list Open April-Dec 10am-5pm; tours can be arranged.

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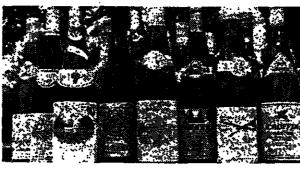
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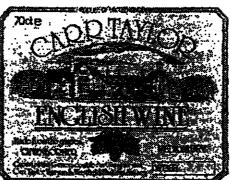
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Lucy Ann, The English Wine Centre, Drusilla's Corner, Alfriston, East Sussex (0323 870532). A wine museum, a shop with a wide range of English wines, a restaurant and pub serving British-regional food, and a family area. Mr Ann will also advise enthusiasts wishing to plan an English wine tour. Open year round, guided tours by

near beautiful West Dean

Gardens and an open air museum of preserved

Lamberhurst K McAlpine. Ridge Farm, Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent (0892 890844 for tours). Eight white and one rose are now produced from the 40-acre ineyard, many of them medal winners in the English Wine of the Year competition. Lamberhurst wines have been served at Buckingham Palace and the Lord Mayor of London's guided tour or follow your

and refreshments - fish and

E14. Tomorrow 9.30am-5pm. Adult £2, child 50p.

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

typical skirmish by the Southern Skirmish Association, with the Band

museum which houses 18

period American rooms from 17th-19th centuries and

some fine galleries of American silver and pewter. Gardens include an American

arboretum, a replica of George Washington's garden

American Museum in Britain, Claverton Manor, Bath, Avon (0225 60503). Today.

tomorrow, 1.30-6pm. Admission to grounds and

skirmish, 50p. House and grounds, adult £2.25, child £1.75.

and an Indian tepee

of the 55th Virginian Regiment as vanguard. Also an exhibition about the war, in the

WEEKEND: Re-ena

otherwise. Billingsgate Market, 87 West India Dock Road, London

own vineyard trail with the aid of a leaflet. Open year round, but guided tours from May 1-Oct 31.

enshurst Vineyards, Grove Road, Penshurst, Kent (0892 870255). Polythene tunnels where eating and wine grapes are grown, are thoughtfully provided against rainy days. There are picnic grounds which neander down to a lake and you can watch breeding allabies, black swans and rare breed sheep at play. After viewing the stainless steel wine vats, get a tasting of three Penshurst white wines. Then, if visitors wish to put hand in anything from a £3.50 bottle of wine to a tea towel. "It's only by giving visitors the opportunity to see how we make it, and then giving them a taste, that we get round the problem of marketing English wine", says Mr Westphal. The new tasting room has seating for 55. Good toilet and access facilities for the disabled. Open year round from 10am-6pm.

Rock Lodge: N Cowderoy, Rock Lodge Vineyard, Scaynes Hill, Sussex (0444 86224). This 3% acre vineyard was begun in 1965 and has its own small winery, a shop. and is handily placed to neighbouring vineyards, if you want to follow a wine route. Open May-Sept, Mon-Sat 9am-

Viticulture present and past: left, Lucy Ann of Cuckmere defoliating the vine, and right, a collection of old bottle in the museum at Drusifla's

Lamberhurst Priory

REICHENSTEINER 70d ENGLISH TABLE WINE

> Tenterden: S Skelton, Spots Farm, Small Hythe, Tenterden, Kent (05806 3033). Home of award winning wines, there is also a herb garden with 150 varieties, offering plants for sale. Picnic facilities and food available by arrangement Open May 25-Sept 29, daily 10am-6pm.

Further details of vineyards festivals and the wine route from: English Vineyards Association, The Ridge, Lamberhurst, Kent (0892 890844), English Wine Information Service. Drusilla's Corner, Alfriston, Sussex, and offices of the English Tourist Board. of The Weald and Downland Vineyards Association, who usually ter tastings and picnic places in attractive rural surroundings. Some have specialized facilities for the disabled. You can follow, too, an English Wine Route and for £5 visit two vineyards, enjoy a ploughman's lunch washed down with tastings

of English wine. Suzanne Greaves

A case of history

Viticulture – the cultivation of vines – was brought to 12 Britain by the Romans who 14 then swamped the home 15 market with their own wines 15 market with the 15 market from Italy. King Alfred recognized its importance by handing out stiff penalties to anyone damaging a calcighour's vineyard, but a his efforts were undermined 1. by the marriage of King 12. Henry II to Eleanor of Aquitaine, which effectively ended English wine production with his acquisition of vast areas of vine around Bordeaux. The home product was unable to compete with French imports and this remained largely un-changed until, in 1951. Machanged until in 1951. Ma- La for General Sir Guy 18. Salisbury-Jones planted a vineyard in Hambledon,:

Hampshire.
The problem of cheap imports is one which English ine-growers are familiar with today: but Penshurst Vineyards is able to sell 65.000 bottles a year to British institutions.

It was David Westphal's father Bob who in 1972 first planted vines at Penshurst "for fun". In the same year. Kenneth McAlpine at nearby Lamberhurst was dong the same thing. McAlpine's involvement has ncreased from eight acres in 🕽 1976. producing 70.000 bottles, to 48 acres and 700,000 🔏 bottles today.



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Beanty in Bromsgrove: shire horses at the rally (right)

PEWSEY CARNIVAL: Founded in 1898 and known as the "mother of carnivals" The procession is the culmination of two weeks or activities, comprises some 100 floats and nine bands. Town and river banks illuminated throughout. Also a funfair.

HORSEMAN'S SUNDAY: Traditional annual occasion in which the vicar of St John's Hyde Park, astride his horse, conducts a service of blessing. Some 100 horses and riders usually attend and the service is followed by a horse show with clear round jumping, handy ponies, fancy dress and gymkhana. Service, forecourt of St John's Church, Hyde Park, London W2. Tomorrow. noon. Horse show, the Paddock, Kensington Gardens, London W2, 1,30-

RALLY OF STATIONARY ENGINES: Some 50-60 are expected over the weekend, most with agricultural functions. Also the blacksmith's forge working at intervals, demonstrations of wood-turning, stick dressing and tomorrow, threshing. re horse and model railway rides plus all the superb buildings - from the 15thcentury merchant's house to the 18th-century forge cottage - open as usual. Light refreshments and teas. Avancraft Museum of Buildings, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire (0527 31886).

OUTINGS

Pewsey, Wiltshire, Today, 7.30-9.30pm, Free.

5pm. Both events free.

Today, 11am-5.30pm. Adult £1.75, child 80p.

LAUNCH PAD: After two years of research and experimentation, the "hands on" gallery is now permanently open to the public. A truly exciting and

nnovative place where children – and adults – may eam more about scientific principles through a series of exhibits, each of which is an experiment or demonstration that can be individually operated. You can HAWORTH Yorkshire Distance: 9 miles

This walk combines literary and railway history with splendid scener nd stone villages in a beauti ful part of England. Parking just beyond Widdop Gate on the Hebden Bridge to Colne road, walk west along the road. At Blake Dean leave the road by the footpath at the north to meet the Pennine now the Bronte Museum. Next Dean Reservoirs.

tance footpath over the moors ists but lunch presents to Withins. The weather may problems. well create an authentic ins is claimed to be the model preserved Keighley and Worth for Wuthering Heights. Here Valley Railway. Visit the en-Way, and drop into the valley, south, take a left and right Eventually you will emerge at turn on to a footpath that the Bronte Falls and Broute follows the railway and a Bridge, both places of pil- pretty stream all the way to grimage. From here a path Oxenhope, the railway terclimbs to a track running east minus. This has a museum and to the road and thence into on the platform a functioning Haworth,

On the outskirts of Haworth

Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-589 3456). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun 2.30-6pm. Judy Froshaugi

use a computer television

control a robot, experiment

Science Museum

with mirrors, lights and much

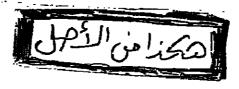
set to produce a variety of self-images, help fill an energy store, build a bridge, a chair,

bridge and follow the valley cross a field to the Parsonage.

Way west of the Walshaw to it is the crowded churchyard and disappointingly, rebuilt The route then follows three church. The town is likely to miles of this great long-dis- be heavily populated by tour-

From the hill descend to the Bronte atmosphere for With- railway station which is on the fork right, leaving the Pennine gine sheds and then walk buffet car.

Martin Andrew



Partygoers are looking forward to a sparkling season with evening fashion more orous than ever,

But if your social round includes several formal occasions and your evening dresses are greeted with cries of "It looks as lovely as ever darling", then you might prefer to ring the changes by

A company that started in St Albans, Hertfordshire, two years ago and now has franchises in seven more towns is Just For The Night. The inders Cheryl Matthews and Lynette Tominey specialize in "everything after six", from discos to grand balls.

Well known designer names include Frank Usher and John Bates and 250 dresses are available for the £35 hire charge, with an £80 returnable deposit. Sizes are from 8 to 18 and ages from 13 to 80. There are also evening handbags and lewellery to complete the outfits. Telephone 0727 40759 for an annointment.

is controlled by the head office so that standards and quality main constant, are in Bar-Berkhamstead, Dunstable, East Grinstead, Hindhead and Northampton with Oxford opening on Octo-ber I and Hitchin later that month.

Other dress hire agencies include One Night Stand in Pimlico (01-730 8708) who have sizes 10 to 20 at £40 to £65 with a £100 deposit, and Simpsons in Covent Garden 201-836 2381) who offer sizes 8 to 14 (or a tall 16) for £25 to

Swinging in the rain

Fair weather golfers may not be keeping up to scratch after a summer of floods and hurribut there are now ndoor practice ranges where they can keep dry while improving their swing and which include videos of players in action so that they can see their mistakes.

Among these is The Golfer at 48 Chiltern Street, London W1 (01 487 3318), where jalf an bour (or £55 for six). Arrangements can also be made with large companies to give instruction on their own remises. For details contact

The Chinese treasure takeaway



Madame Butterfly: late 19th century silk quilted robe with butterfly embroidery (once worn by a courtesan). Price £600 from Marilyn Garrow at Liberty. Antique fans from £60

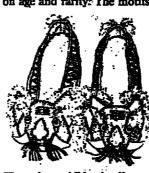
Liberty's store has been travel-ling to the Far East since 1875, so it can fairly lay claim to the title of "Lao Peng You". It means "old friends".

The store has chosen this title for the most comprehensive exhibition it has ever staged of Chinese goods antique and modern - which includes textiles, furniture, lacquerware. SCTEÈNS. bamboowork and two and a half tons of marble statues.

And it's all for sale.

The 18th and 19th-century textiles, collected by Marylin Garrow, include Kossu robes at £3,000 which would only have been worn; by roya princes, gauze robes at £600 worn in the summer and often given as birthday gifts from the Emperor, and some in-tricately pleated wrap-round skirts from £120 which would have been worn for burials.

Such rare pieces are bought by collectors to display as hangings rather than to wear they would, in any case, tend to look like fancy dress — but there are jacket and dress-length robes with less lavish embroidery which could be worn very successfully as evening coats. Prices are from about £200 to £600, depending on age and rarity. The motifs

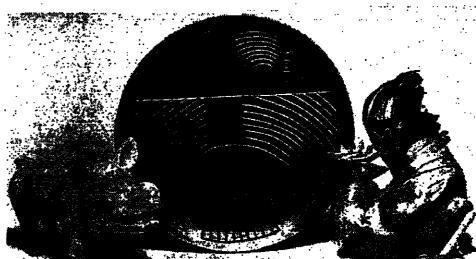


l'iger tiger: children's slippers £9.95 at Neal Street East

include birds, flowers and figures. Butterflies indicate that the robe was once worn by a courtesan.

The treasure trove that Alison Pyrah, Liberty's Oriental department buyer, brings back each year from China always includes a good selection of late 19th-century blue and white porcelain — this year there are 800 pots from £10 to several hundreds for the eager collectors who queue to buy

There are also some fine and rare imperial pieces shown in the Liberty ex-hibition by the specialists S.



Animal magic: mythical clay hog made in Bejing £50; carved bird figure lacquer tray made in Shanxi £65; and painted and varnished cockerel in bamboo £25, all at Liberty

Marchant and Son, 120 Ken-sington Church Street, Lon-and flowing robes. They also don W8 (01-229 5319). These include a magnificent bowl at £6,250. Of the Yonzheng period (1723-1735), it is decorated with three fish in underglazed red - the most difficult colour to produce as it often tuess beown

Marchants are also showing pieces from the first Hatcher cargo which sank in the 1640s in the South China Seas. before the highly publicized Nanking cargo which was auctioned earlier this year.

Some of the most curious pieces on show are modern. although made to look ancient and traditional. One of the carved plates in terracotta lacquer was snapped up immediately by the Victoria & Albert Museum for their modern Chinese collection.

tion could be totally modern, or it could be something very traditional", says Alison Pyrah. "No one knows very much about Chinese folk art

comes in the form of bamboo basketware, and in a collection of curious mythical animals made recently but which look as if they had been buried with the 2,000-year-old clay army of the Emperor Qin Shihuang, discovered in 1984. Prices range from £35 to £75.

make a statement that no

have eight mythical counter-parts with bird and animal faces, also made in Chinese marble - a very hard form of soapstone - and costing about

The exhibition opens on October 2 and continues until simultaneous exhibitions of a branches throughout the

"The rather Aztec decora-

as there is very little documentation." More modern folk art

For collectors who want to

£500 each.

October 25. There will be smaller selection of Chinese goods at main Liberty



Sew neat: 19th century needle case £39 at Neal Street East

Two other focal points for Oriental specialities in London are Neal Street East in Covent Garden and the Oriental Shop in Chelsea.

For Neal Street East, 5 Neal Street, London WC2 (01-240 0135), Christina Smith, who has been visiting China since

whose work is only just beginning to be seen in the West.
"Four or five years ago there was a policy to be nice to the minorities who were persecuted during the revolution, she says. They are now being allowed to bring their goods to the Canton Fair and the result is that there are a lot more textiles, ceramics and jewellery available from Tibet, Mongolia and the Laos

borders." Interesting small pieces in-clude a modern green celadonstyle water-drip duck which was used for painting - water is poured in through a hole in the back and dripped slowly out from another hole by the beak, £3.68, and several late 19th-century metal needle cases with intricately worked caps which pull up to reveal a slender tube to hold the needles. Prices around £35. The textiles include children's slippers embroidered with animal faces, £9.95, and there are more than 1,000 books on every subject from cooking to

BRIIN

At the Oriental Shop, 10 Eccleston Street, London SW1 (01-730 4370), Joss Graham has charming brooches made of kingfisher feathers at about £20 and an interesting collection of Tibetan metalware, including copper Gau boxes which contained religious scrolls to protect the wearer against evil and which were hung on a belt or round the neck when travelling. In vari-4ft. bin marble figures of the fiold has been seeking unusual some simply polished, from eight immortals, looking very wares from minority tribes £32 to £45.

IN THE GARDEN

By Francesca Greenoak

Impressions from a man for all seasons

bying landscape: it is beautiful, carefully composed and secretive, glowing inside high

is immensely courteous, but reserved. There is warmth in his voice as he describes "a special feeling for plants" and how his garden gives him fresh winsight for his paintings. Yet half er a long and severe illness. Paul Gell is selling his house and bidding goodbye to the garden which has served as his inspiration for the past 10

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outh Sound to the ocean. The artist's first act of cliff walls. Inndscaping was to replace a there is a focus of interest in Gell is a gentle, tall man, his stark bed of hybrid roses, every direction. Draping the hair greying at the temples. He making a pool surrounded by contrasting textures and colours: soft pale Alchemilla foliage and lavatera flowers against the tall dark evergreen spikes of New Zealand flax.

His ideal is "a happy compromise between man and nature, planning and accidents", and he continued to plant using the natural complexity of his two acres to create a series of small, en-

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To visit Paul Gell's garden in Plymouth is to see the subjects of his ravishing paintings in a rock from the top of which sestern side of the house.

From the lawn of the large. garden, which stretches beneath the red chestnut tree. every direction. Draping the high cliff wall, skeins of virginia creeper change from green to autumn crimson, and ivy-leaved toadflax and pretty campunala /Campanula portenschlagiana) flower abundantly from toe-holds in

the rock crevices. In its shelter is a sunny flowerbed, where all lily-like crinums (safe to plant outdoors, only in milder parts of the country) are still in flower.

A path runs through the herb garden, where the painter's two Russian blue Siamese cats lounge elegantly among the silver white sage and arte-misia, taking you into a quiet dell made into a shady garden.

Two shapely pink lacy-cap bydrangeas with their flowery coronets (Hydrangea macrophylla Mariesii) were "planted to give a splash of blue, but I've decided they're actually nicer as they are". This "happy accident" probably came about through a nurseryman's mistake rather

His never uses a sketch pad, but works from memory

than the natural propensity of the species to come pink on an alkaline soil. It is possible to grow blue varieties in chalk or limey soil by adding Sequestrene or aluminium sulphate, and conversely give annual limestone dressings to keep pink kinds from purpling in acid conditions but it seems perverse.

An all-seasons gardener, Paul Gell's passions range from spring tulips "especially the white Mount Tacoma like single peonies" through to the wintry varieties of helle-bore. Most of his plants could be grown in any garden but palms, yucca, mimosa (Acacia dealbara) and a tall strawberry tree with ripe red fruits provide an exotic touch which can be achieved in the southwest of the country. "The bay trees even self-seed here". commented Gell. Pittosporum with their



elegant trees and fuchsias grow into tall shrubs. Fuchsia megellanica Gracilis, twinkling with delicate flowers, is a jewel in any garden, but in most countries, foliage should glossy leaves make slender, be cut back to its base at the

beginning of November and frost damage.

the roots covered with bracken or peat to prevent Ground can be landscaped. vistas planted, but mature trees are a gift from another

colour of each individual. flower, the exact quality of leaf and petal, the odd character of a wirily cork-screwing sweetpea stem. Yet he never takes a sketch-book into the garden, only rarely "jams some flow ers into a jar in the studio"

Seat of inspiration: Paul Gell in his walled garden and (left) his Hisbiscus from Bali, a watercolour, from the 1986 Francis Kyle Gallery calendar

new garden". He enlarged a window in his house to provide a better view of the huge old cherry, the rare cultivar Tai Haku, the Japanese great white cherry. He has planted a willow

leaved pear (nowadays much more readily available), which is kept pruned so that the wavy silvered foliage shows itself to best advantage. On a grassy slope, he has estab-lished a small orchard, and another part of the garden has elder and other native trees ranged round a small meadow.

In his paintings Paul Gell conveys the vibrancy and His work is a distillation of hisimpressions as he walks and

lifetime and in Paul Gell's works in his garden. Fittingly opinion are the main consideration when looking for a called Flowers from a Painter's

Garden. Paul Gell's work may be viewed at the New Grafton Gallery, 49 Church Road, Barnes, London SW3, and at the DM Gallery, 31 Dover Street, London Wi from the end

WEEKEND TIPS

• Clear up garden debris (including windfall fruit) to avoid overwintering pests and diseases and clean and store hamboo canes. • Watch for the prevalent

grey mould (Botrytis) on ouse grapes ensure that there is a good.

• Lift maincrop potatoes and store dry, in sacks. Green tomatoes ripen well if wrapped individually in • Test early apples and

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stalk on the wild side

Fresh mushrooms from the fields

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The current rage for wild mushrooms is all very well, but it is dashed frustrating for those who cannot lay their hands on anything rages are hands on anything more ex-otic than a well-bred button or a cultivated flap. A couple of other varieties, oyster and shitake mushrooms, are grown for the market, but the more exotic wild mushrooms, iat, flavourous ceps, and apri-coi-scented chanterelies, are as hard to come by as fresh truffles.

Happily, the principles of choosing and cooking mush-rooms are much the same for all varieties. They should be fresh, firm and used as quickly as possible. All are well served by cooking in a shallow pan with good butter, olive oil or bacon fat, and all share an affinity with eggs and cream. Judicious amounts of garlic and lemon juice seldom go

Whether you got drenched in dew picking big open field mushrooms that must be eaten quickly before they selfdestruct, or picked up a pack of perfectly cultivated open mushrooms from the supermarket, stuffing them is irresistible. The filling can be as simple as a "snail" butter loaded with finely chopped garlic and parsley, or something more inventive. This kidney stuffing comes from Californian restaurateur Alice Waters in whose Che: Panisse Cookbook it embellishes boned shoulder or roast spring

Serves four

4 large open mushrooms

2 tablespoons virgin olive oil For the stuffing 170g (6oz) lambs' kidneys

2 tablespoons virgin olive oil

Beware stylish bids

says Jeremy Flint

Rose and Smolski had their

moments in the International

Trials, but their similarity of

style proved a predictable handicap. The ideal bridge

partnership should be com-

posed of a pitcher and a catcher. Rose and Smolski,

both enormously talented card players, tend to rely on

a quest for pinpoint accuracy.

So, now and again, there is a

Later this month, Roman

Smolski will represent Great

Britain in the Pairs Olympiad in Miami, playing with Hen-ry Bethe, Bethe, an American

by birth, has established the

required residential status by

living in England for the past

two years. Smolski and Bethe

have already achieved some

exceptional results, and I

have high hopes that their

partnership will continue to

Here they are in action in the Harold Foster Cup, the main event of the EBU

summer meeting, which at-tracted an entry of over 500

flourish.

Love Ali

Dealer South

ride on a roller coaster.

in the bidding rather than

BRIDGE

The pair with flair

savoury ideas for stuffings and fillings



Salt and pepper 45g (1½oz) day-old bread cut into ¼ inch cubes 2 sprigs parsley 2 sprigs thyme 1 sprig marjoram

Wipe the mushrooms but do not peel them. Trim the stalks level with the caps. Brush them all over with the oil and arrange them in one layer in an oven-proof dish.

If we take a peep at West's

Smolski won the lead with

hand, Smolski's prospects look far from bright.

the •K and cashed the •A.

the Φ K and cashed the Φ A, discarding a diamond from dummy. He ruffed a spade in dummy, released the ∇ A and ruffed a heart with the Φ 2. He cashed the ∇ K and ∇ A and ruffed a diamond with dummy's Φ 10, to leave this position with the lead in dummy.

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A heart ruffed with the A

obliged West to underruff.

When Smolski played his last

diamond, West could make his 4Q, then or later, but he could not defeat the slam.

Against this skilful line of

play, West's five trumps were as innocuous as tin tacks

1980

under a steam roller.

dummy.

2 cloves garlic

Any of the wild mushrooms can be used to fill these fragrant savoury strudels. The addition of dried ceps enriches To make the stuffing, trim the kidneys and rinse them the flavour if the recipe is well in cold water. Cut them into 1cm (3/8 inch) dice. Sauté the kidneys in the oil over a made with cultivated mushrooms. Dual purpose medium heat for two or three strudel/phyllo pastry is sold minutes. Season with salt and by Greek grocers and many pepper and mix with the diced supermarkets. bread. Stem and roughly chop the herbs and add them to the stuffing together with the finely chopped garlic, salt and

Mushroom strudels

6 sheets strudel pastry 4 tablespoons melted butter

raffish, less sleazy Sono. It's

not like that now, Bohemia

died more than two decades

ago. The Ad World has taken over. It is from here that the

nation's minds are manipulated by persons wearing spec-

tarle frames the colour of

winegums, and driving any car as long as it's a D-reg Porsche with a spoiler. If you don't believe me, go to Chez

Gerard, where careworn "creatives" reward them-

seives after a morning's

The meat here is higher qual-

ity than is usual in similar

restaurants there, but the

prices are higher. It is grilled

on charcoal and the best value

is in those chunks - ribs or

Chateaubriand - which serve:

I ate the Friday dish of the

Midi, aioli (garlic may-onnaise) with salt cod, boiled

potatoes and baby turnips; the

fish was as good as one is likely to get in this country —

and showed that Chez

Gerardcan cater for those who

are not 100 per cent car-nivores. £38 for two.

Auntie's is a cruel warning

to copywriters not to fail in

Adland. If they do, they'll

have to eke out a living

composing whimsical names for dishes that deserve better.

Colonel's curried egg may-onnaise. Tweed kettle pie,

Nanny Campbell's basic

lemon fluff. Still, I shouldn't let this

detract from what is a pleasant

and original establishment.

The cooking, as the names indicate, is English, but it's done with unusual flair. One

starter was the ne plus ultra of

old-fashioned tea-room crab;

xhausting graft

two people.

Divide the stuffing between

the prepared mushrooms and

roast them in a preheated

moderately hot oven (200°C/400°F, gas mark 6) for

10 to 15 minutes. The exact time will depend on the size of

Serve at once with crusty

bread and a green salad, on toast or with a dish of rich dauphinoise potatoes baked

t small onion, finely

Salt and freshly ground black pepper 3 eggs, separated 30g (10z) fresh breadcrumbs

225g (80z) open mushrooms Melt the butter in a wide pan and cook the onion slowly until it is soft, but not coloured. Add the mushrooms and cook them gently until they have given off then reabsorbed their liquid. Sea-son the mixture and leave it to cool before stirring in the egg

Whisk the egg whites to a stiff meringue and fold it into the mushroom mixture, fol-lowed by the breadcrumbs.

To assemble the strudels, lay a sheet of the paper-thin pastry on a clean surface and brush it with melted butter. Take one sixth of the filling mixture and lay it in a bar about 10cm/4 inches long in the middle of one short edge of the dough. Dribble a tea-spoonful of melted butter over the filling and roll up the pastry very loosely to allow the filling to expand, making two or three turns before folding the sides in over the filling, and rolling to the end of the strip. Form the remain-ing strudels the same way.

Arrange the pastries. slightly apart and seam side down on a buttered baking tray and brush them with melted butter. Bake them in a preheated moderately hot oven (190°C/370°F, gas mark 5) for about 35 minutes, or until they are golden.

Serve the mushroom strudels hot or warm as a snack or

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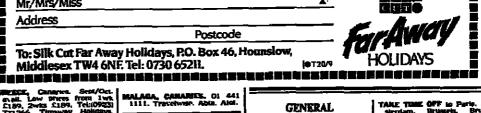


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and the supreme 1 powerful Steinitz insisted that the Evans Gambit was unsound, and that in the Queen's Pawn Openings it was illegal to block the "c" pawn, Tchigorin espoused both antitheses with vigour. He contested numerous Ev-

This is still considered dubious, though Tony Miles came close earlier this year to registering an upset defeat against Karpov, using Tchigorin's invention. Finally, Tchigorin pioneered

Nie as an answer to I d4. This was anathema to the classicists who argued that I d4 must be parried with 1...d5. Interestingly, Karpov has a poor record against Kasparov after 1 d4 Nf6, but has performed respectably when he defends

with 1 d4 d5. Here is a game from the second of Tchigorin's titanic struggles with Steinitz

Bishop, but now the d6

tion is already so overpowering that the simple 19 a5

Evans Gambit, Havanna

is an improvement.

8 8b5 dad4 9 cad4
15 8b2 Mea7 11 8m7+
12 Na3 Nb5 13 Nb4
14 a4 c5 In order to salvage

ans Gambits with Steinitz square becomes weakened and introduced the defence 1 and ripe for invasion.

d4 d5 2 c4 Nc6. 15 e8 65 16 Nd6 Km

17 Ba3 Kgs 18 Rs1 Nd5

Bxa5 20 Rxb7 would be quite

Black resigns Raymond Keene

White: Tchigorin; Black:

This wastes time; 7... Bb6

The widely-praised sacrifice is spectacular and quite in Tchigorin's dashing style, but is it necessary? White's posi-

19 ... Kai? 20 a6+ Of course not 20 . . . Qxe6 21 Ng5+, but after the text Black's exposed King is nailed down in the centre.
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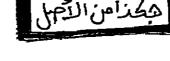
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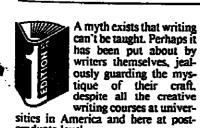
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Secret formula for writing a best seller

Writing a Thriller by André Jute (Adam & Charles Black, £4.95); The Craft of Writing Romance by Jean Saunders (Allison & Busby, £2.95); Writing Crime Fiction by H. R. F. Keating (Adam & Charles Black, £4.95)



This last piece of information comes from Briting a Thriller by Andre Jute, who also tells us trenchantly that "the difference between the leading practitioner and a mere journeyman lies mostly in the application each brings to his craft".

None of these writers leaves us in doubt that the creating of fiction, genre fiction at any rate, can be learnt. All are shy of recipes, of the novel by technology out of formula. All acknowledge that the desire to do it has got to be there, some kind of vital spark. And André Jute says that the thriller is now a respectable genre.

Well, maybe ... but whatever he may do for aspiring, as yet un-published, writers he is very supportive of the rest of us genre fictionists, going about as we do with chips on our shoulders. For those who are beginning, he has plenty of good advice. "Don't use names from the telephone book", he directs, a weather eye on libel risks. "Use town names from the back of a gazetteer."

My own method exactly, Watson. good deal of the enjoyment I derived from these books was finding recommended so many things I do myself and, perhaps naively, thought I was alone in doing. Though I must say I never considered not having It is also quite a tough manual of instruction. A hero, for instance, should be slightly older than the heroine. Characters must offer something to the story i.e. to the furtherance of romance. "To bring in an interesting Spanish waiter just be-cause you've been on holiday to

Majorca . . . is not sufficient." Names are important, but "a virilesounding name like Teak" Miss Saunders considers too gimmicky. Teak? It opens up such possibilities.

How about Mahogany or Hombeam? Or would that be encroaching on

The desire to do it has got to be there — some vital spark •

social workers, miners or missionaries among my characters on the grounds that such people aren't exciting enough.

Jute is great on building tension and on telling a story through snappy dialogue. I especially like the sample command: " Pass me the grappling iron, quick man', he shouted."
We have all experienced love, Jean

Saunders tells us, though how many have direct knowledge of espionage or murder? The Craft of Writing Romance is all about love and, indeed, chapter one is called "Loving

Lord of the Rings country: a quite different region on the genre map?

With the change in women's status, heroine may have an interesting job, and it is worth the writer's while to spend time researching unusual callings. Not a sewage engineer though, says H. R. F. Keating, who "is hardly going to appeal to the escapist element in your readership".

Writing Crime Fiction is enormously entertaining - I am tempted to say at least as readable as many of the crime novels it cites. Can there really once have been a series featuring a slave detective of Ancient

Rome? Since I am mentioned per-haps I should declare an interest; but so are a host of crime writers whose work Keating advises his readers to study - surely the best way to learn.

He also gives one of the most perceptive definitions I have come across of the difference between crime writing and pure novels. The former puts readers and their entertainment first, the latter primarily express the feelings of the writer.

An indomitable will is what the aspiring writer will need, says Jute. Keating points out the importance of luck and Saunders of a sincere belief in the seriousness of romance.

When dealing with sexual matters, writers must not allow themselves to be inhibited by what their relatives may think. Never mind Great Aunt Ethel's blushes. Don't muffle the excitement in action scenes advises Keating, admirably quoting Graham Greene with similes and metaphors. Be tough on those adjectives that will

I see these books as a private godsend. I shall recommend them to those who ask me how to write fiction instead of posting off the long and possibly not very helpful essays I used to produce on the craft. And stop saying it can't be taught, which is perhaps itself only a romantic

Ruth Rendell

The flower power of Oxford

Oxford Garden by Mavis Batey (Scolar Press/Gower Publishing, 28.50)

ford contributed to the history and civilization of this country, one could be forgiven for not thinking of its influence on gardens.But to neglect how members of the university influenced the development of ideas about garden design and content and, at the same time, responded uniquely to the mood and ideals of successive periods, would be to miss a

significant area of interest. Mavis Batey's book is a history of gardens and garden-ers at Oxford from medieval times to the present day. In it, she covers all aspects of the life of the university which have influenced garden history in its widest sense.

We meet eccentric inhabitants, like the college president who called his dog a cat in order to get round regulations, and delight in the eccentric solutions these inhabitants found to the problems of their day.

What more perfect answer could there be to the dilemma of not wishing to charge an entrance fee for the charity Wonderland, staged in Worcester College garden, than that offered by Lewis Carroll himself - to charge the audience to leave? Or who could fail to delight in the story of the ivy at Magdalen that found its way into the cellars and consumed the

Fellows' port? More seriously, the book is particularly interesting where its author considers Oxford in Commonwealth and Restoration times, when the university was ablaze with the new empiricism. Both garden design and the study of new plants that arrived in significant numbers from abroad were felt to be of central importance to the new

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SOLUTION TO NO 1053 (last Saturday's prize concise)



Worcester College: a 19th-century engraving showing the Provost's Lodgings looking like a Palladian house

horticulture lost its position at the centre of the stage and when gardens ceased to reflect the spirit of the age.

It was the Picturesque Movement which first distanced the observer looking for an effect, rather than a truth. Certainly it is difficult today to detect the influence of such sure guiding hands as those so admirably portrayed here. College archives, it seems, are the last repositories of more ambitious schemes for college gardens than were

ever approved by the Fellows. How different, for example, Cambridge would have looked, had Capability Brown's grand scheme for a lake behind King's College been carried out. Predictably, the other colleges were not particularly interested in cooperating as they were assigned a subsidiary role while King's was the "country house".

Strong characters, in a It is perhaps worthwhile university setting, make the

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The winners of prize concise No 1053 are:

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considering when, and why, best gardeners, being the only people capable of getting things done. One was the redoubtable Miss Annie Rog-ers who, single-handed, be-cause she wanted it that way, created the gardens at St.

Hugh's. It was said that when she visited the Bidder rock garden

an odd snip here and there, if Miss Rogers was seen to appear with her umbrella, a favourite receptacle for cuttings, she must on no account be left on her own.

For anyone with an interest in garden history or the his-

were warned that although a essential book although those blind eye might be turned on not entirely familiar with the layout of every court and quad would have welcomed more maps and plans. And a closer watch by the publishers would have spotted the few incorrect spellings of Latin names that

irk in a book such as this.

Jokes left a blank feeling

and bloody Jesus, I love Thy blood so red. I loved you when

you were alive. I love you better dead."

the writing of that snide overstatement of Christian be-

lief. But it is not a genuine parody. Nor is Private Eye's

day in the after-life of Mal-

There is certainly no love in

Taking Off, An anthology of parodies, send-ups and imitations, edited by Tim Dowley (Methuen, £4.95)

I was sitting outside a cafe near Harrods, pondering on this book of parodies, when along burst Billy Connolly. "I used to write that sort of thing", he said. So we looked up Councily in the index, but discovered only Cyril and his ineffectual send-up of James

"The thing about parody", said Billy, "is that it doesn't work unless you *love* what you're parodying." I found this was true when I

turned to Miles Kington's affectionately-written Ra dialogue between Richard Baker and Kenneth Robinson. In just a few lines Miles had put a tired 15-year-old relationship into perspective—as
a sort of unthinking man's Malcolm has never behaved

Robinson: "I've been to the National Underwear Show at Olympia, Richard." Baker: "Which reminds me, Kenneth, you've been to the National Underwear Show at Olympia, haven't you?"

colm Muggeridge, who boasts of having lunch in heaven with Pope Paul VI, Victor Silvester and Doris Waters — "a lovely lady whose life was spent in what I gather is called 'show

Laurel and Hardy.

like those dotty old mag-istrates who feign ignorance of Good parodies have to be both loving and accurate. That is certainly not true of Paul

Robinson: "I certainly have, ing his pension. He suffers from chronic bronchitis and Very rarely do you get such a vivid picture of total lack of tension". But it is true of a piece by Sheridan Morley, who has written an kilarioes communication. Though Tony Hendra does well here, too, with his glimpse of a ma excerpt of Pinter's The Caretaker in the style of Private desperately trying to get in touch with his saviour. "O rare Lives. ("Very flat, Sidcup.")

I was looking for a way of summing-up this collection when I noticed Michael Palin's eestatic review of it, printed on the jacket.

"This book", wrote Mr Palin, without realizing he was inventing an entirely new yardstick for the measuring of literature, "deserves high praise for the amount it man-ages to fit in." I was thinking how well that

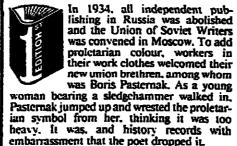
review could apply to the Bible, Shakespeare and Jef-frey Archer, when I found Michael Palin was being even more Pythonesque than he

In spite of the praiseworthy amount the book manages to fit in, it still has 45 blank pages. So maybe it also de-serves high praise for what it manages to leave out. .

Kenneth Robinson

Pasternak would blow a fuse

The Electrification of the Soviet Union by Craig Raine (Faber, £3.50)



By 1934, Pasternak had already created the verse and the prose by which Russian culture is to be measured for millennia to come and of which his later. Nobel Prize-winning Dr Zhirago period is but an echo. Gentleman or male chauvinist, in his personal life Pasternak clung to the standards of his milieu. Likewise, his poetry and prose exist as a logical continuation - or culmination - of the Russian literary tradition.

All this is relevant because Craig Raine has published his libretto for an opera based on the work of Pasternak. The Electrification of the Soviet Union. The libretto, like Mr Raine's earlier books, stands athwart that tradition.

and the legitimacy of the whole endeavour can hardly remain unquestioned.

That Mr Raine has made a career of adaptation, often basing his poems on Russian models, does not in itself make him any less original than, say. Virgil. Yet literary innova-tion — or quality — is not so much a matter of "what" as of "how": and this is where Mr Raine's method amounts to colossal failure. The Last Summer. Pasternak's vaguely autobiographical novella on which Mr Raine's libretto is based, is a miracle of poetic prose whose salient feature is its near-cryptic

subtlety. For his effort. Mr Raine "hit on the notion of an octosyllabic line" which is "both shapely and colloquial". Indeed, his here tells a woman that her "slow nipples gather closely in the cold" (he goes on to list her other enchantments), to which she replies, "my breasts aren't bad". alterations. Will the ailing On the whole, the exchange would be jarring

in a Dreigroschenoper: in an opera about Pasternak it's idiotic. By obviating the poet's prose to focus on the "plot" of the novella — which he invents, since there really isn't much of one - Mr Raine makes his hero into a "Russian" puppet, mouthing "poetic" plati-tudes eight syllables too long for anyone's car. The only electricity here comes from Pasternak turning in his coffin, although not enough to illumine a murky poetry scene.

ON THE AIR



Teacher's pet: Mandy Miller with Jack Hawkins and Phyllis Calvert

When silence spoke a thousand words

In the career of the best Enling director, Alexander Mackendrick, Mandy (Chan-nel 4, tomorrow, 10.55pm-12.40am) is the odd film out, the only property among the only non-comedy among credits that included Whisky Galore!. The Man in the White

Sait and The Ladykillers.

Mackendrick's pictures were distinguished from other Ealing comedies by their cutting edge. They were not the cosy, complacent studies of a cosy, complacent studies of a more or less merrie England that Ealing usually produced.

Mendy, made in 1952, is not only Mackendrick's only excursion into Ealing drama but superficially his most conventional film, the quasi-documentary story of how a deaf and dumb child is treated for ber affliction wrapped up in a banal family saga.

But a careful look at Mandy reveals that it has the same depth and insight that Mackendrick brought to his other work. This can be traced most obviously in the portrait of Mandy's father (played by Terence Morgan).

While Mandy has a direct physical handicap, her father has a no less telling emotional and psychological one. This

FILMS ON TV

his wife (Phyllis Calvert) over whether Mandy should attend a special school

Detiful, but blinkered, he is adamant that Mandy should stay apart from other children, and have a private governess, while Mandy's mother takes the opposite view. The marriage itself comes under strain and relationships further deteriorate when the father accuses his wife of having an affair with Mandy's teacher

(Jack Hawkins). The gradual rehabilitation of Mandy takes place against this background and in an ironic way there seems more hope in the end for the child than her parent. There are two pattles in the film. One is Mandy's against her handi-cap. The second is the wife's

RECOMMENDED

The Eagle (Channel 4, Wed, 9-10.30pm) is another in the series of silent classics restored by Kevin Brownlow and David Gill and given a new score by Carl Davis. It is being shown on the 60th of its princepage of the death of its anniversary of the death of its star, Rudolph Valentino. and the teacher's against the father.

Thematic considerations aside, the impact of the film derives in large part from the remarkable performance of the eight-year-old with the Chinese eyes and podgy cheeks, Mandy Miller. Her performance, like the film

which was named after her, completely avoids the pitfall of sentimentality.

The screening of Mandy is linked to a series called Fifties Features (Channel 4, 5.15-6pm) which looks at the series of manner in the sition of women in the British cinema during the post-war era. Mandy Miller and Phyllis Calvert talk about Mandy and there are contribu tions from the few women Wendy Toye, Muriel Box - who made it to the director's

Peter Waymark

signalled Valentino's return to the screen after an absence of two years. He plays a Cossack lieutenant who turns bandit to avenge the seizure of his father's lands, a good bad man in the tradition of Robin Hood and Zomo, only to fall in love with his enemy's daughter. The director was Clarence Brown, later to make his name with Greta Garbo.

Death takes a back seat

TELEVISION

There are few better subjects for black comedy than a dead body that cannot be disposed of. Hitchcock used it in The Trouble With Harry and Lesley Bruce returns to the theme in Shift Work (BBC2, Wed, 9.25-10.20 pm).

lie, a single parent with three children who makes ends meet by driving a mini cab. But she is not properly insured and loses her job, though she is given one last fare: an Arab who inconveniently expires en

route from Heathrow.

Being the middle of the night the mortuary is closed. and a hospital refuses to help. Despite some improbabilities, it is a nicely diverting piece that knows exactly how long to keep the joke going. Furthermore, it is based on a real life incident.

Talking of Hitchcock, Omnibus starts a two-part profile of him on Friday (BBC1, 10.25-11.30 pm). Fans may not find very much that is new, but it is a lively and informative introduction to the man who. François Truffaut once said, shot murders like love scenes and love

scenes like murders. There is, thank goodness. little theorizing about inner motives. Instead, the programme tries to bring out.

through the testimony of ac-tors and writers, what it was like to be involved in the making of a Hitchcock film. Thus we have James Stewart on Rear Window, Teresa

Assembling a star cast that any West End theatre manager would envy. Radio 3 presents the British premiere of The Compromise (Friday, 7.30-9.05pm) by the Hungarian dissident, Istvan Eorsi. It is a piece from the heart,

an angry exploration of the limits to free expression in a totalitarian regime by one who became a "prohibited" play-wright in his own country and was later deprived of his professional status. Ronald Pickup is the writer.

Zolian, who after eight years of labour has produced his 1.200-page history of post-1956 Hungary. As he lies in a hospital bed, likely soon to die, his book is acclaimed as a work of genius. But at the time the authorities are demanding cuts and

Zoltan compromise and leave the world a masterpiece" or will the book remain unaltered and unpublished? Juliet Stevenson plays Zoltan's actress wife, with John Hurt as a playwright who has designs on her. Bernard

represent officialdom. There is more international drama tomorrow when the Andrei Navrozov | Globe Theatre production

Hepton and Hugh Dickson



Dead end: Arab Tony Allef and cabbie Maureen Lipman

and Joan Fontaine on Rebecca. There are examples of Hitchcock's penchant for cruel jokes and it seems that the stories about his liking to humiliate actresses were not too wide of the mark.

The problem for the makers of The Story of English (BBC2, Mon. 8.05-9 pm) was how to make a visual series about the abstract concepts of words and language. As anyone familiar with television techniques might have guessed, the solution was to tell the story through people and places.

The opening programme (of nine) explores the proposition that English has been more influential than any language the world has known, looks at the surprising survival of En-

Wright on Shadow of a Doubt glish in the former colonial territories and shows how new words are being created from such diverse sources as feminism and the computer.

The archive series Travellers in Time returns on Wednesday (BBC2, 7,30-8 pm) with the story of the Turkestan to Siberia railway built in the late 1920s. It was an heroic feat of early Soviet planning, and was recorded in a famous documentary film. Turksib.

Most of BBC2 this evening (from 5.20 pm) and torriorrow (until 6 am) is devoted to the . annual music marathon, Rock Around the Clock. The bill includes a Rock Lookalike competition and footage from the first edition. 15 years ago, of The Old Grey Whistle Test.

When free expression costs dear

RADIO

Rival in love: John Hurt

(Radio 4. 2.30-4pm) is Luigi Pirandello's Six Characters in Search of an Author. Charles Gray, Yvonne Bryceland and Cherie Lunghi star in the

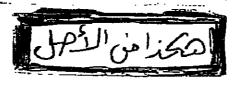
teasing story of characters in a

play who have been abandoned by their creator.

In Figures in a Bygone Landscape (Radio 4, Mon, 8.43-9am) Don Haworth, radio playwright and producer of the award-winning television film. Fred Dibnah, Steeplejack, evokes his 1920s childhood in Lancashire. Stephen Thorne reads the first of 10 extracts from Haworth's gentle, evocative memoir which has just been published by Methuen (£9.95).

James Turtle's documentary, More Than Pantomime Warfare (Radio 4, 8.30-9pm) recalls the extraordinary Dogger Bank affair of October 1904 when British trawlers in the North Sea were fired upon by four Russian battleships. Linked to Russia's humiliating defeat by the Japanese at the other end of the world, the incident sparked off a diplomatic crisis.

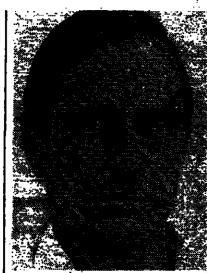
It's a Fonny Business returns tomorrow (Radio 2, 7-7.30pm) with more helpings of showbusiness nostalgia when Mike Craig talks to Alf Pearson, of the singing duo, Bob and Alf Pearson. Future guests include Ben Warriss and Elsie





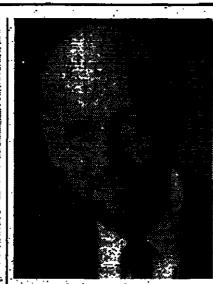
BOOKS

COME TO GRIEF: Paul Bailey, in his new novel, Gabriel's Lament (published on Thursday by Jonathan Cape, £9.95) offers a funny and horrifying picture of eccentric English life from the early 1940s to the present. Gabriel's grief follows a strange bequest from his father.



THEATRE

LIVING KAFKA: Geoffrey Palmer, the lugubrious face of many of a television sitcom, plays the central figure of Alan Bennett's Kafka's Dick, a writer who idolizes Kafka and lives his life through him. With Alison Steadman. Royal Court (01-730 5174), from Tuesday after previews.



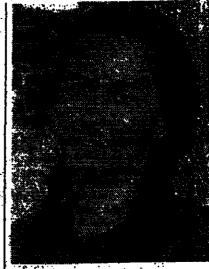
OPERA

LONDON WELSH: Brian McMaster, who has shaped the Weish National Opera for the last decade as its general administrator, brings the company to Covent Garden for the first time with a complete *Ring* cycle. Royal Opera House (01-240 1066), from Thursday.



TELEVISION

PRIVATE LIVES: The Prince and Princess of Wales are the subject of a two-part ITV profile presented by Alastair Burget. For the first time the cameras were allowed behind the scenes to catch their off-duty moments. Tomorrew, 7.45-8.50pm, and Monday, 7.30-8.30pm.



FILMS

GREEK TRAGEDY: Kate Neiligan stars with John Malkovich in Eleni (PG), the true story of an American journalist's search for the truth about his mother's death : during the Greek civil war of the 1940s. Cannon Haymarket (01.-839 1527), from Friday.



CONCERTS

GLASS EYES: Philip Glass, the guru of systems music, brings his ensemble back to London with exerpts from his operas Einstein on the Beach and Akhnaten, plus music written for the choreographer Twyla Tharp. Royal Albert Hall (01-589 8212), Friday.

TIMES CHOICE

FILMS

OPENINGS

OTELLO (U): Verdi's opera, sumptuously transferred to the screen by Franco Zeffirelli, with Placido Domingo (Otello), Katia Ricciarelli (Desdemona), Justio Diaz (lago) and much location camerawork. Lorin Maazel conducts. ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). From Tues

THE LEGEND OF THE SURAM FORTESS (U): Sergei Paradjanov, the Georgian director of The Colour of Pomegranates, returns after years of silence with a beautiful, cryotic years eautiful, cryptic version of a Georgian legend about the construction of a fortress. amden Plaza (01-485 2443). From Fri.

ABOUT LAST NIGHT (18): Lightweight study in the mating habits of young Americans, derived — at a polite distance from David Mamet's one-act play Sexual Perversity in Chicago. Edward Zwick directs Rob Lowe, Demi Moore, Jim

Warner West End (01-439 0791), Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). From Fri.

SELECTED

TROUBLE IN MIND (15): Alan Rudolph's playful, strenuously stylish thriller, with Kris Kristofferson as an ex-cop with a past, mixed up with drifters and dreamers. Screen on the Green (01-226 3520), Cannon Oxford Street

(01-636 0310). THE DECLINE OF THE AMERICAN EMPIRE (18): Satirical Canadian comedy. centred round a dinner party ed acadei directed by Denys Arcand. One Renoir (01-837 8402). Cheisea Cinema (01-351 3742).

MONA LISA (18): Neil Jorda off-beat comedy-drama, with



Bob Hoskins (above) in fine form as the bemused chauffeur Odeon Haymarket (01-930 2738).

THEATRE

IN PREVIEW

A BETROTHAL: Ben Kingsley and Geraldine James in the world premiere of a play by Lanford Wilson, directed by Alison Sutcliffe. Late nights only, at one of the smallest prices the smallest in the smallest prices the smallest in the small state. Fringe theatres in London. The Man in the Moon, 392 Kings Road, London SW3 (01-27, 28. Opens Sep 30.

OPENINGS

THE MAGISTRATE: Pinero Rudman, with Nigel Hawthorne, Gemma Craven, Nicholas Le Prevost, Graeme Henderson, Frank Lazarus, Alison Fiske, Jeffry Wickham, Lyttelton (01-928 2252). Previews Mon, Tues. Opens Wed. In repertory. Thurs, Fri.

OUR LADY: The Women's Theatre Group in a "blasphemous thriller" by Deborah Levy. Three present-day women claim to be Our Lady. They are tried for heresy by a representative of the Holy Inquisition, summoned from the 15th century. London Driff Half Arts Centre, 16

Chenies Street, London WC1 (01-637 8270). Opens Tues. TALK TO ME: William Humble's play about

responses to depression and attitudes to analysis has Alan Doble leading a cast directed by Wyn Jones in the opening production at this re-furbished and revived theatre. New End Theatre, 27 New End, London NW3 (01-794 0022). Preview today. Opens Mon. SELECTED

WOMAN IN MIND: Ayckbourn's latest foray into iddle-class frustration. Julia McKenzie shines as the touched fantasist of the title. Vaudeville (01-836 9988).

THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA: Lorca's last tragedy of Spanish manners, robus played by Joan Plowright, Glenda Jackson, Amanda Root Lyric, Hammersmith (01-741 2311).

OUT OF TOWN

BELFAST: Lady Windermere's Fan: Honor Blackman as Mrs Erlynne in the Oscar Wilde olay, directed by Richard Digby Lyric Ptayers (0232 660081).

DARLINGTON: The Old Man of Lochnager: Whirligig Theatre tour of David Wood's musical play, based on the book by the Prince of Wales. Due at Sadler's Wells in November. Civic (0325 486555). Opens Mon. Until Sep 27.

MANCHESTER: To Kill a Mockingbird: European premiere of Christopher Sergel's dramatization of the Harper Lee novel, directed by Anthony Clark. Contact (061 273 5696). Opens

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: Sweeney Todd: Stephen Sondheim's "musical thriller" about the demon barber of Fleet Street, with Michael N. Harbour, Toni Palmer, Janis Kelly. Directed by Ken Hill. Playhouse (0632 323421). Until

PLYMOUTH: Pump Boys & Dinettes: American country-rock musical, which ran in the West End, now beginning a regional tour in a new production.

The Drum, Theatre Royal (0752 669595). Until Oct 4. SHEFFIELD: Pinocchic Boys: Paines Plough present a fantasy comedy by Jim Morris about three teenage television Crucible Studio (0742 769922). Opens Mon.

ROCK AND JAZZ

AL JARREAU: Sweetvoiced soul-jazz crooner, sharing the bill with the somewhat tougher Gwen Guthrie. Tonight, Wembley Arena (01-902 1234).

CLARK TRACEY QUINTET: Son of Stan stokes his fine hard-bop band's fires with a Blakeyesque zest. Tonight, Ruins, Lincoln; tomorrow, Spring Street Theatre, Hull (0482 23638); Mon, Coconut Grove, Leeds (0532 455718); Tues, Corner House Hotel, Newcastle (091 6259602); Wed, York Arts Centre (0904 27129); Thurs, Band on the Wall, Manchester (061 834 1786); Fri, Dovecote Arts Centre, Stockton (0642

STAN RIDGEWAY: The "Camouflage" man makes a quick return. Tomorrow and Mon, Marquee, 90 Wardour Street London W1 (01-437 6603).

CAMEO: Hot funk from Larry Blackmon's crew. Tomorrow, Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham (0602 472328); Mon, Oxford Apolio (0865 244544); Tues, Hammersmith Odeon, Hairmersmith Coeon, London W6 (01-748 4081); Wed, Coiston Hall, Bristol (0272 291768); Fri, Birmingha Odeon (021 643 6101). CHRIS DE BURGH: The Perry Como of the Eighties Tomorrow, Liverpool Empire (051 7091555); Mon. Manchester Apollo (061 643

ROD STEWART: Enjoying a new lease of life. Wed/Thurs, Wembley Arena (01-902 1234).

DANCE

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Three further performances of *The Snow Queen*, this atternoon, this evening and Mon, conclude the company's short London Covent Garden (01-240

MICHAEL CLARK: The new show continues for one more eek in London before



Michael Clark (above) and his company go to New York and Europe. Sadier's Wells (01-278

MATTHEW HAWKINS: His imminent Dancers Group has one more performance tonight at The Place (01-387 0031).

OPERA

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: The last cut-price view performance on Tues at 7.30pm of Jonathan Miller's new, un-Japanese Mikado: then the first night on Sep 27, with Richard Angas in the title role, supported by Richard Van Allan as Pooh Bah and Lesley Garrett as Yum-Yum. Peter Robinson conducts. Two performances of Miller's rather he handed Figaro on Wed and Fri chances to see Il trovatore tonight and Thurs at 7.30pm.

Coliseum. St Martin's Lane. London WC2 (01-836 3161). **OPERA NORTHERN** IRELAND: A new season with new artistic management is underway, with Ariadne on Naxos tonight, Wed and Fri, with Rita Culis, Nan Christie, Eiddwen Harrhy, Kenneth Wootham and Geoffrey Dolton. Then on Tues, Thurs and Sep 27, Christopher Renshaw's new production of Verdi's Faistaff, conducted

by Kenneth Montgomery, with Helen Walker and Patrick Power. All performances start at 7.30pm. Grand Opera, Belfast (0232 241919).

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

PUBLIC ARTISTS: A week when Birmingham's contemporary artists put on exhibitions and open their studios to the public. All over Birmingham. For information: 73c Church Road, Moseley, Birmingham (021 449 5895) from today until next Sunday.

CONTRARIWISE: Major exhibition of Surrealist art, including painting, sculpture, photography, film and television, right through to advertisements today. Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Alexandra Road, Swansea TAUROMAQUIA: Sixty prints by Goya and Picasso on the

Bauhaus teaching. The Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensingto (01-589 6371) from Wed. SELECTED

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(01-834 7856) from Wed.

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exhibition from the National

Warwick Square, London SW1

JULIAN SCHNABEL: A decade of painting by the controversit New York artist. Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107).

PICASSO: Excerpts from the 175 personal sketchbooks kept by the master. The Royal Academy, Piccade London W1 (01-734 9052). CAPITAL GAINS:

Archaeological survey of London resulting from recent research. Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699).

CONCERTS

ELLY AMELING: Singing many Ravel songs, some Debussy Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). Today, 7.30pm.

CLAUDIO ARRAU: In Beethoven's Piano Goncerto No 4 with the LSO. Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos also conducts Debussy's Noctumes and the 1919 version of Stravinsky's Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-

628 8795, credit cards 01-638 8891). Today, 7.45pm. TIPPETT'S CHILD: The Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Chorus and soloists interpret Tippett's Child of Our Time and his Corelli Fantasia Concertante. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, credit cards 01-928 8800). Tues, 7.30pm. EAST OF VIENNA: The

Nash Ensemble plays Denisov's Sextet, Tchaikovsky's Souvenir de Florence. Wigmore Hall Wed, 7.30pm.

MORE MAHLER: Gluseppe Sinopoli conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Mahler's Symphony No 6, which takes up the whole concert. Royal Festival Hall. Wed, 7.30pm.

SHOSTAKOVICH'S 80TH: Maxim Shostakovich conducts the LSO in his father's Age of Gold Suite, Symphony No 15, Lynn Harrell solos in Cello Concerto No 1, all to mark the 80th anniversary of the composer's birth. Barbican Centre. Thurs,

7.45pm. LONDON PIANO: A gala concert to launch the London International Piano Competition finds Sir Colin Davis conducting the ECO in Mozart's G minor Symphony K 550, Radu Lupu soloing in the C minor Concerto K 491. Thurs, 7.45pm.

PREVIN/RPO: André Previn takes the RPO through Rossini's Italiana in Algeri Overture, Rachmaninov's Symphony No 2, and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto. Royal Festival Hall. Fri, 7.30pm.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: Postal bookings opened this week, for new ballet by Siobhan Davies, and London premieres of Interrogations and Ceremony. Nov 18-Dec 6. Sadier's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1. (01-278 ACH AND THE CITIES OF EUROPE: Series of concerts by London Bach Orchestra,

racing Bach's music through

his travels to Leipzig,

Venice, Rome, Paris, Mannheim and Vienna. Oct 3-June 1987. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1. (91-928 3191, credit cards 01-

LAST CHANCE

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL PRINT BIENNALE: Selection from Britain's most exciting print exhibition held in Bradford, Ends tomorrow. Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 (01 589 6371).

For ticket availability, performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed. Films: Geoff Brown; Theatre: Tony Patrick and Martin Cropper; Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams; Opera: Hilary Finch; Dance: John Percival: Galleries: Sarah Jane Checkland; Concerts: Max Harrison; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse

The princess and a panto pumpkin



melda Staunton tells a good tale against herself. younger, rounder days, when her now siender 5ft frame weighed in at 9 stone iilb she attempted to take to the air in Exeter as a replete Cinderella. As her partner in levitation strained to debut at Stratford raise her to greater heights, a loud groan of sympathy came from the audience.

Persuaded by a fellow performer to delight a little girl in the foyer who was demanding to meet Cinders herself, she approached the young sup-plicant and revealed her pantomime identity. The child, looking as though she was faced with a pumpkin rather than a fairy princess, burst into tears of disbelief. I, too, had difficulty in recognizing Imelda Staunton. only the morning after I had seen her play the leading role of Bess Bridges in the Royal Shakespeare Company's latest riotous production. The Fair Austin Sevens. No doubt she Maid of the West. The two parts of Thomas Heywood's comic Elizabethan epic have been cut and cobbled together, with songs added to taste, and given the runaround of every aisle and gallery in Stratford's splendid new small theatre, the Swan. On stage Miss Staunton's

But worse was to follow.

hair was kempt, tamed, in lessons. tune with her controlled, neat presence - ever ready to make reat leaps in tone or motion but on her terms. Off stage. with pale skin and bright blue eyes, she was dwarfed by a savage abundance of pale russet hair, resplendent in its havoe like a trampled ripe harvest. The effect was rather like that of Janis Joplin playng Medusa, Imelda Staunton is far pret-

tier than was Janis Joplin and very much less socially venomous than Medusa, but if there was ever an actor with the range to play both of themit is she. Since leaving RADA in 1976 her roles have included Electra and St Joan in Exeter: an acclaimed Piaf in Nottingham: two stints as the nasally melodious Miss Adclaide in Richard Eyre's production of Guys and Dolls

Imelda Staunton's

roles have ranged from Cinderella to Piaf. Now it's her

at the National, where she also

played Lucy Lockit in The Beggar's Opera; and the down-trodden Hannah in Ayckbourn's A Chorus of Disannrosal which brought her the Laurence Olivier award for best supporting actress. She appeared with Deborah Kerr in The Corn is Green and. was the first woman ever to play Lucky in Waiting for Godot, in a production at the Midland's Art Centre. She also flexes her beautiful singing voice in a pub band run by the designer Bill Dudley, which goes under the quaint name of Morris Minor and the

could easily change gear to give us Joplin's celebrated "Oh Lord won't you buy me.a Mercedes Benz"? She learnt to change her voice at an early age. The daughter of immigrant Irish parents, she was sent to a London convent which gave its charges electricon

hese developed later into drama lessons. The young "better" spoken Miss Staunion was encouraged to apply for drama school. She enjoyed "a truly wonderful couple of years at RADA", after which she was soon thrust into major roles. "Given that amount of responsibility early on made me work very hard. I thought) had to carry the can even if I wasn't very good at it.

When she played Electra the director. Richard Digby Day who had taught her at drama school added to her vocal range by sending her back to RADA for lessons to lower her pitch. When she played Pial she practised the songs for 10 months. "After Piaf I thought I could do anything. Bluff is my middle name".

she confesses. Though very critical of her own work and by her own admission, a bad auditioner, she does exude an extrovert, humorous confidence. No doubt she has needed it to play Bess Bridges. Most of the rest of the cast

have been at Stratford since February but she has just been brought in for this production. having recently been filming Dénnis Potter's television series. The Singing Detective, which stars Michael Gambon. Her first week at Stratford was "a bit like going to university?. She could not socialize with other members of the cast in the evening because they were in other productions

so, "I bribed them to be my friends with a party". She greatly enjoys working with Trevor Nunn: "Trevor's very good with a company. He's wonderful on text and wonderful on showbusiness and puts them together." The Fair Maid of the West, which she admits is great entertainment rather than a great play, gives ample scope for both qualities. The company obviously enjoy it, "Everyone's got a good slice of the play."

Married to the actor and sometime comic magician. Jim Carter, who was also in Guys and Dolls and the Singing Detective. Imelda Staunton is understanding and appreciative of her fellow professionals. Her favourite actor is Michael Gambon: He's what I think acting is about. He has the ability to think it's a bloody good laugh and be brilliant, has great respect for the piece and great disrespect."

Ten years since her first job playing Goldoni's The Mis-tress of the Inn at the Swan in Worcester, Imelda Staunton finds herself playing the mistress of another inn in another Swan theatre. It is a great opportunity for her to show again that she can both be brilliant and fiave a good

Andrew Hislop The Fair Maid of the West opens on Tues at the Swan, rationd-upon-Avon (0789 295623); In repertory.

ARTS DIARY

To be, or not to be? That is the question surrounding the fu-ture of the Globe Theatre at Southwark.

Despite an outright victory in the High Court earlier this year which allowed American actor/manager Sam Wanamaker to triumph over Southwark Council - they wanted to use his South Bank site for housing — the decision as to whether the theatre can acqually be huilt has landed back in the council's hands. This is because Wanamaker's original planning application, to build a reproduction of Shakes-peare's theatre, ran out of time, so he has to re-apply. And Southwark Council just so happens to be the planning authority to which he has to apply. Wanamaker says the council is itself out of time and therefore the Department of the Environment will have overall responsibility for setthing the argument. I estimate it has so far cost Wanamaker 17 years of his life, and the council£9 million — in buying the land to thwart Wanamaker among other things — to reach this *impasse*.

Yes, no photo Contributing if not artistically then at least materially to the

art of photography, the Duke of York will be hanging about a West End street this morning while a plaque is unveiled the wall Photographer's Gallery. Through his good offices Dr Hacking Wong of Halina Cameras has contributed £250,000 towards the purporary photography Afterwards York will host a lunch for 200 at the Law Society to thank Dr Wong for his kindness, but although all eyes will be on the flame-

rule: no cameras. Don't say he doesn't explore the boundaries of art: David Hockney is currently at work using an entirely new artistic

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With all the arty begging bowls being polished following Richard Luce's chilling statement on Arts Council cuts last week, the Medici Quartet have come up with a spiffing wheeze: after their performance at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on October 7 they intend to auction off the entire quartets of Beethoven. Sponsors will



Lace and Beethover have their name attached to a particular quartet cach time the Medici plays it over the next three or four years. Curiously the going rate depands on the quartet: there's a £1.500 minimum on Op 18. but a £3.500 minimum on Op 127. The Medici's explanation is zany: "Some are more difficult than others to perform but they are serious in their intent. hope to raise £40,000 which will then be matched pound

Court short

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Government.

in 10 days' time the English Stage Company will celebrate 30 years at the Royal Court Theatre. But for how much longer will they be there? Their lease on the Sloane Square building, perched inconveniently over a hideously noisy tube station, ends in 1990 and there are dark mutterings within the company that they should move to more contemporary (ie. cheaper) spot. The current whim is for a warehouse in fashionable Covent Garden.

Christopher Wilson



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ing by heart, concentrating

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texts become part of us, build

us, "by patience and comfort of thy holy word..." We do not

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Liberal hackles rise. Why

those particular texts? Why

those stories and not other

more modern, more "enlightened" stories? To

which the answer must be,

because they are true. True not as checkable, "verifiable" or "falsifiable" as of hypotheses

and theories; but true in the

sense that they sum us up, tell

us what it is to be a human

When we appropriate our religious texts by heart - how

revealing it is that the modern

world speaks not of "by heart"

but "by rote", thus fulfilling

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ecies about human life in the

image of the machine -- we

find that they truly describe

us, search us out and know us.

And we know as we are

known; reader and text -

The words of our religion

are true in the deepest sense -

that is, they are true poetry.

And poetry is not a bit of

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KENSINGTON PALACE: September 19: The Prince of Wales, Commodore, Royal Yacht Thames Yacht Club, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, this evening attended the America's Cup Ball at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W.1. Miss Alexandra Loyd and Lieutenant-Commander Rich-ard Aylard, RN were in

The Princess of Wales, President, Dr Barnardo's, today vis-ited Barnardo House, Barkingside, liford, Essex. Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN was in

attendance. YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 18: The Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, today attended the Rededication Ceremony of the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the occasion of its 250th anniversary in Edinburgh. His Royal Highness, who

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W.J.H. Palconer Hall . and Miss J.H. Stone The engagement is announced between William John Hannay,

eldest son of the late Lieutenant-Commander J.H. Falconer Hall and of Mrs Falconer Hall, of Biddestone. Wiltshire, and Janet Hazel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.M. Sione, of Whitchurch, Bristol,

Dr S.J. Hughes and Miss S.M. Brown

The engagement is announce between Steven, son of Ken and Sylvia Hughes, of Eaton Bray, Bedfordshire, and Siobhan, daughter of Charles and Aase Brown, of Heath, Cardiff. Mr P.P.C. Hutton

and Miss N.M.K. Norridge The engagement is announce between Paul Pierre, only son of Mr and Mrs P.N.B. Hutton, of Canberra, Australia, and Nico Mararetha Kate, only daughter of Mr K. Norridge, MBE, and Mrs Norridge, of Baughurst,

Mr A. Madisetti and Miss N.G. Turrell

Hampshire.

between Arun, eldest son of Mr P. Madisetti, FRCS, and Mrs T.M. Madisetti, of Wimbledon, London, and Nicole, only daughter of the late Mr L.A.F.B. Turrell, of Rye. Sussex, and Mrs M. Finch, of Wimbledon,

The engagement is announced

Mr R. Packer and Miss P.A.S Russell

The engagement is announced between Ronald, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. Packer, of Peppermint Grove. Perth. West-Anne Scotney, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B.S. Russell, of The Hundred House, Birdham, West Sussex. Mr P.A. Renger

and Miss A.M. Finch

The engagement is announced between Patrick Alexander, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.J Ranger, of Andover, Hamp shire and Angela Marie, eldes daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Finch, of Gerrards Cross.

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travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Sir Richard Buckley. The Duchess of Kent today

visited the Ford Motor Company, Halewood, and later opened the Carers Care Centre for the Wallasey Council for Voluntary Service, Merseyside. Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell.

The Princess of Wales will visit the Courtaulds Leisurewear Design Studios at 21 Redan Place, London, on October 2. The Princess of Wales will open

the new kidney dialysis unit at the West General Hospital, Edinburgh, on October 6. Princess Anne will attend a dinner at the Bank of England Princess Alexandra, accompa

nied by the Hon Angus Ogilvy, will visit the United States from October 22 to 28.

A service of thanksgiving for Mr Nigel Stock will be held tomor-row at St Paul's, Covent Gar-den, at 1pm.

Marriages

Mr G. Cole and Miss P.J. Heath

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 30, in Nor-wich Cathedral of Mr Gary Cole, only son of Mr and Mrs Eric Cole, of Brierley Hill, West Midlands, and Miss Philippa Janet Heath, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Ian Heath, of Copley Gate, Halifax. Nuptial Mass was concelebrated by Canon Colin Beswick, Canon Claude H. Palfrey and Father Douglas Cobb.

The bride was attended by Pamela Titus, Isobel Wilson, Lesley Cole, Oliver Antrobus and Sammy Antrobus. Mr Simon Lole was best man.

Mr F.A.R. Huntley and Miss R.J.K. Waldron

The marriage between Mr Andrew Huntley and Miss Rachel Waldron took place on August 30 at St Helen's, Bishopsgate. Canon Michael Wilson offici-ated, assisted by Prebendary Dick Lucas.

The bride was attended by Miss JoJo Waldron, Miss

Antonia Martineau, Harriet Best, Poppy Huntley, Rebecca Waldron and Simon Waldron The reception was held at St Andrew Undershaft.

Major S.A. St J. Miller, RAMC. and Dr F. Vella

The marriage took place on September 13, in Westminster Cathedral of Major Simon Miller, son of Brigadier Aubrey Miller and the late Mrs Miller. and Dr Fiona Vella, second daughter of Colonel and Mrs Ethelwald Vella. Mgr J.P. Mahony officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Anne Vella and Mr Kenneth Temple was best man.

Service reception

RAF Beatley Priory
Air Vice-Marshal M.J.D. Stear,
Air Officer Commanding, No 11
Group, and Mrs Stear were hosts at the annual Battle of Britain cocktail party held at RAF Bentley Priory. The guests included Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding, AOC-in-C, RAF Strike Command.

Opening the door on truth

between fundamentalism,

which preserves the original

text but in hopeless obscuran-

tism, and liberal theology -Professor Refined-Mind

again - which in seeking to

"explain" the text renders it

spiritless, empty of religious

nower. But there is a better

Meanings are not to be

located "behind" or "beyond"

the text at all. But how often

the theologian or preacher

talks as if they were. Thou-

sands of sermons on the Good

Samaritan say something like:

is that we must love and care

not only for our friends but for

our enemies and the alienated

strangers, etc". To which the reply is: "If Jesus had meant

that, why didn't he say that?"

Whereas he refused to give an

account of the higher ethical

doctrine which ought to

underlie social practice; he

The story is always better

than the discourse because it is

not abstract principle but

morality incarnated in per-

sons. That is why novels give

us deeper, more realistic moral teaching than the trea-

tise on utilitarianism, or any

other "ism". We must not say, of Shakespeare's play, "That's

what Julius Caesar means -

it's all about the dire con-

sequences of ambition". That

would be an insult to the

is called for when we try to

How much more reticence

playwright.

told a story instead.

...and so what Jesus meant

Wittgenstein tells a story about a man's attempt to escape from a room. He tries the window, the chimney and a panel leading to a secret passageway, but to no avail. But as he sits down in despair he notices that the front door has been open all the time. That is what conceptual confusion is like, and nowhere more so than in the question of the meaning of religious

The second secon

language. Theologians behave as if the language of religion can be explained. That is a mistake generated out of hubris, a mistake which the Wittgensteinian method in philosophy immediately exposes. For religious language is a form of words — the highest form —

and that is why we call that sort of language "religious". It follows that if religious language can be explained, be put more plainly and better expressed, then the highest language is not that of religion but of what explains religion. That cannot be so. It is as if we were to say that what Professor Refined-Mind says about the parable of The Prodigal Son is more important than St

in fact, the text must be basic. That is where all the literalists and fundamentalists stand up and applaud: but their glee is premature. For their insistence on the literal meaning of biblical texts is itself an explanation. It is therefore presumptuous. There is no sense in which religious language in general can be explained, as if the Bible were one coherent "message". It is not For the author of (say) Hebrews believes that the world is permeated by a wonderful order, the

Birthdays

Winter, 60.

59; the Very Rev George Earle, SJ, 61; Mr Justice Falconer, 72;

Professor Hugh Lloyd-Jones,

Canon Graham Routledge, 59;

Mr Jimmy Young, 63.

Service dinner

Lord Brougham and Vaux

dinner in the House of Lords last night. Colonel D.S. Hall, Colonel, RAOC TA, welcomed

comment on the parables of the gospels — the Divine fic-tion. The same goes for the writer of Ecclesiastes somestory of the cross and the times sounds as bleak as Sam resurrection only, as it were, Beckett. St John gives us a more so. The Passion nar-triumphant Christ on the ratives are incomparably cross who calls out, "It is more "meaningful" than any accomplished!" St Mark mere theory of the atonement. records only the words "My What would it mean for God, why has Thou forsaken religion if the reverse were me?" So the comprehensive true? literalistic interpretation is Al

All that is not to suggest

Luncheons TODAY: Mr John Dankworth, HM Government

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the French Ambassador.

SJ, 61; Mr Justice Falconer, 72; the Right Rev C.C.W. James, 60; Miss Sophia Loren, 52; Sir Duncan McDonald, 65; Professor R.M.H. McMinn, 63; Sir Stuart Milner-Barry, 80; Sir David Nicolson, 64; the Right Rev Kenneth Riches, 78; Sir Lab Whitehard 54. Variety Club of Great Britain Mr Harry Goodman, Chief Barker of the Variety Club of John Whitehead, 54; Mr Fred Great Britain, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the TOMORROW: Mr Austen Albu, 83; Lord Barnard, 63; Hilton hotel in honour of Mr Frank Bruno. The other speak-Miss Shirley Conran, 54; General Sir Timothy Creasey, 63; Miss Mary Fetherston-Dilke, 68; General Sir John Gibbon, 69; Professor J.M. Ham, 66; Mr Bob Bevan, Mr Harry Carpenter, Mr Alan Hoby, Mr Ron Moody and Miss Tessa 64; Sir Ian MacGregor, 74; Sir Peter Matthews, 64; Sir William Nield, 73; Mr P.G.D. Robbins, 53; Miss Jean Robertson, 58;

Service luncheon The Queen's Royal Surrey ceived the guests. Among those Regim The Officers' Club of The

Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment held their ladies luncheon at Clandon Park, Surrey, yes-

Church services: Lord Brougham and Vaux 17th Sunday entertained officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps (Terri-torial Army) and their ladies at after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 Sung Euch and M: 10.30 Ordination of Priests and Deacord. Canterbury Service (Peccolo, Rev J A Bond: 33 Sand and Admission Rev J A Sond: 35 Sand Andrew Rev J A Sond Rev B L Rev YORK MINSTER: 8. 8.45 HC. 10 Sung Euch, Messe Solemelle (Langlais). O Lord increase my faith (Globons). Canon John Tour, Chancelsor: 11.30 M (Commemoration of the Battle of Britain) (Stanford in S). Greeler Love hath no man (Ireland), Rev H Bourne: 4 E Stanford in C). Bring to O Lord Cod at our last awakening Olarris). ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8. 11.30 HC. Missa brevis (Bertseley). Tanhum erpo (Durallet: 10.30 M. Jundiale and Te Deum (Stanford in C). Rev Peter Ball; 3.118 E (Wester) in E). Instance of vanae curae (Haydin). Dass Anne Long.

Bail: 3.18 E (Wesley in E), Insanae et vanae curae (Haydn), Dobs Anne Long.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8.15. 12.15

HC. 11 Baille of Britain Thanksgiving Service, Greater Love (Ireland), Ri Rev. L. J. Ashton: 3 E. Howells Westmurster Service, Let all the world (Vaughan Williams). Rev. Trever Beson: 6.785. https://doi.org/10.1008/10

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL Greenwich, SELO: 11 MP and HC. Praise the Lord, ye servants U Blow). O how aminote are 'Thy dwellings' vaughan Wilhams), the Chaptain. GUARDS CHAPEL Wellingston Bar racks, SWI: 11 M. Rev B D Pratt: 12 HC.
TOWER OF LONDON, ECS: 9.15 HC.
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that points to a meaning which is located somewhere terday. The president, Colonel J.W. Sewell, presided.

Dinners Royal Over-Seas League

Captain John Rumble, Direc-tor-General of the Royal Over-Seas League, presided at a dinner held at the Gleddoch House Hotel, Langbank, Renfrewshire, last night. Dr Graham Hills, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Strathchyde University, was the guest of

Association of Amesthetists The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland held their annual dinner at Plaisterers' Hall last night. Professor Michael Rosen,

present wère: Viscount Tenymandy, Sir Crcli Cloth-ler, QC. Professor Sir Gordon and Lady Robson, Dr and Mrs Peter Drantick, Dr and Mrs Douglas Howat. Dr and Hrs Cyrtl Scitt, and Professor and Mrs Anthony Clair.

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Maris TRINITY, Brombston Rd: 8.30
HC. 11 Family Service. Preb J T C B
coding: 6.30 ES. Rev J A K Müller.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Rd.
SW7: 8.30, 12.06 HC: 11 MP. the
Bishop of Fulham.
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estate valued at £1,475,233 net. Action is being taken in the High Court concerning the validity of the will.

Sister Grid.

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Evensong and Solemn Benediction.

ST MICHAEL'S. Chester Sq. 8.18 HC.

11 Parish Communion, Rev D C L
Prior: 7 30 Informal ES.

ST MICHAEL'S. Corphili: 11 Euch John Tudor.

John Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL. Bucking-ham Gale: 11, 6,30. Rev R T Kendali.

Science report

Why sharks avoid sole for dinner By Dorothy Boun

Many fish have canning ways another species of fish, the injure or kill would-be pred-of protecting themselves killifish. The latter died within ators, that might not happen against attack by predators. half an hour when small before the sole is injured. threatened or actual attack.

Pardachiras paroninus, se-cretes a fluid, from glands lining the dorsal and anal fins, that contains no less than four toxic substances.

Scientists in Osaka, Japan, have isolated each substance and tested the effect of each on

ators, that might not happen quantities of the sole's toxic substances were added to the water in which they were swimming. One of the substances,

glycosides, which include a number of plant poisons, such as digitalis. The other three, called pardaxins, are simple protein-like substances (pep-tides), consisting of a chain of 33 aminoacids. One remarkable feature of

pardaxins is that they are very similar to mellitin, the active constituent of bee venom, in both physical properties and mode of action.

Though such poisons will appetite.

OBITUARY

SIR CONRAD COLLIER

Air transport and work in Russia

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Con- Air Ministry. But in the rad Collier, KCB, CBE, died summer of 1941 he was back. on September 16. He was 90. again in Moscow as the RAF. In the latter part of his service member of the military mismember of the military mission to the USSR. in the RAF, and for a short period after 1946, he was prominently associated with

which alone can sustain us, which alone can do justice to those half-articulated ecstasies and agonies which constitute our lives at the deepest level. Or are we to suppose that commissioned in the Royal scientific attempts to explain human personality -behaviourism for instance, Lancashire Regiment in 1914. but the following year trans-ferred to the Royal Flying intellectually discredited yet

still universally taught in the academy - are to be preferred above St Paul and St Augustine? Beside the spiritual insights of those witnesses, what is scientific psychology. stimulus/response, operant conditioning and "the empty Russians. Repairiated at the end of the organism" except a "tale told by an idiot ... signifying

Religious, spiritual meaning and true psychology - how it is with humankind - are to be discovered and appropriated in the religious culture of the Christian epoch. All those paintings, the music of Bach and Mozart, the literary tradition of the West which is variations on the biblical theme of suffering and hope that is where meaning is to be found, teased out in fear and trembling. It is all so accessible. Even in those disjointed

We are lucky to find that, beyond all the glib "explanations", the stuff that can really nourish us is still intact. As W.H. Auden once said, "Why spit on our luck?"

times there is a Bible in most

ists vainly believed - but lan-

guage that embodies

(incarnates) the meaning. It is

not a case of the Correspon-

dence Theory of Truth but of

But that is something of an

oversimplification: for the fact

words as icons.

nothing".

Peter Mullen Vicar of Tockwith, North Yorkshire

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Christopher Robert Chope, MP for Southampton Itchen, to be a parliamentary under-sec retary of state in the Department of the Environment. Canan Professor John Bowker Dean of Trinity College, Cam-bridge, to be president of Chris-tian Action on AIDS; Mr Barnaby Miln, a member of

the General Synod of the Church of England, to be chairman of its council. Mr Brian Rawlins, aged 50, director of public relations at Keele University, to be chair-man of the Standing Conference

Latest wills

of University Information Offi-cers for 1986/87.

(Harwood in A), if any man will follow (Thaiben-Bain, Give us the wings of faith (Bullock), Rev David Burton Evans Robert Adam St. 11. Rev George Cestor, 6.30, Caron Keith de ST PAUL'S, Wilton Pr. 8, 9 HC. 12 Solemn Euch. Missa De Angelis (Islanchant). To Deum (Wilham Malhass). Justorum Animae (Lassus). Rev A C C Courtauld. ST PCTER'S. Eabon Sci. 81.5 HC. Family Mass. 11 SM. BCP in F. (Darke). Creat and Marvelous are Thy words (Tomkins). Rev. D 8 Tillyer. ST SIMON ZELOTES. Milner St. 8 HC. 11 Sung Euch (Palestrina). Silent Cervus. (Palestrina). Ave verum (Elogri). Preb John Pearce: 6.30 EP. Magnificat (Walmasky) in D. O what to the Cervus (Palestrina). Ave verum (Elogri). The John Pearce: 6.30 EP. Magnificat (Walmasky) in D. O what to the Cerva (Palestrina). Rev Perry Buller: 6 Solemn Evensong and Benediction. Rev Graham Morgan.
THE ANNUNCIATION. Bryanston St. 11 SM. Continuation Service in G Liactsoni. Help us. O Lord (Copland): 6 LM and Benediction.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOT." LAND, Pont St. 11. 6.30, Rev John C LAND, Poil St. 11, 6-50, Nev John Coudie.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Coveal Garden: 11, 15 Rev.
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Kerusch G. Hugher: 31 12.15. 4.15. b.15 LM: 11 rum. sammas Gochumi. Sicut cervus (Palestrina).
THE ORATORY, Brompton Rd: 7. 8.
9. 10. 12.50. 4.30. 7 LM: 11 HM.
Mease Solemniles (Victorie). SuperLaudale nomen Domini (Mendebsohn).
5T ETHELDREDA'S, Ely PI: 11 SM.
Our Lady of Loreto (Goller). Salve
Regina (Mooral).
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High St: 8. 9. 10. 12.50. 6.50 LM:
11HM. Mass for 4 voices (Byrd).
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AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON. WI: 11. Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE. Holborn: 11. 6.30. Rev Eric Waugh.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, WI: 11, Rev Lesle Gridillis. 6.30. Rev Rev Howcrod Size.

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REGENT SQUARE PRESSYTERIAN URC. Tavisiock PI: 11. MR. J. P. Crawshaw; 6.30. Rev J. W. McMiller. ST. ANNE AND ST. AGNES (Linherm), Gresham SI: 11 HC.

ST. JOHN'S WOOD URC. 9.30. Rev. John Miller. ST. JOHN'S WOOD URC. 9.30. Rev. John Twood: T. J. G. S. Rev. R. JOHN TWOOD URC. 9.30. Rev. R. JOHN TWO URC. 9.30. Rev. R. JOHN TWOOD URC. 9.30. Rev. R. JOHN TWO URC. 9.30. Rev. R.

Some rely on comouflage to avoid detection, and others emit toxic chemicals or give off electric shocks in response to

Some species of sole appear to have a real belt-and-braces defence mechanism to ensure that they will not end their days on the menu of that most voracious of deep-sea predators, the shark. The Western Pacific sole,

before the sole is itself harmed. In those circumstances deterrence is clearly better than punishment, and the sole's defence system protects the fish effectively by warning off hungry sharks pavoninin, belongs to the class of toxic chemicals known as before they have a chance to take a bite. When the Japanese sci-

entists injected a small amount of pardaxin solution into the mouth of a docile shark, the shark became very agitated and tried to escape. By contrast, harmless solutions had no such effect.

A gulp of the pavonininpardaxin cocktail served up by the sole will certainly make sure that any unwanted vis-itors will quickly lose their

is that all explanations are in some degree stories. The much preferred modern stoair transport. But a striking aspect of his career, which few ries, those of science, explain of his fellow officers shared, much; but they do not provide was his knowledge and experia language of numinous power ence of Russia. Alfred Conrad Collier was born at Randwick, New South Wales, on November 16. 1895, but was educated in this country privately and at Sherborne School. He was

> He went to France in August 1915 and two months later was forced down behind the enemy lines and taken prisoner. During his captivity he made his first contacts with

war, he was sent to Northern Russia in May 1919, and operated from Penaga. After that brief episode he returned to normal squadron duty with a permanent commission, but went out to Central Europe in 1920, serving on the control commission in Austria and

later in Hungary. He came back to England late in 1922 and, after an interlude at home, on intelligence duties and squadron work, was appointed air advis-er to the Estonian Army in the summer of 1928. He studied Estonian and later acquired complete fluency in Russian. in which he became a firstclass interpreter, as also in German

In 1931 he took the RAF Staff College course, and in 1934 was given command of No.12 (Bomber) Squadron. But his knowledge of East-

ern Europe took him away again, and in December 1934 he went to Moscow as air attache. Then as now, working in the Russian capital was no easy task, but Collier was more successful than most. He returned to the Air

Ministry in 1937 and when war came was deputy director of plans. At the beginning of 1940 he was in France as senior air staff officer to the Advanced Air Striking Force, and after the fall of France returned briefly to posts in the Donaghy, who survives him.

Beppe Croce, president of the International Yacht Racing Union since 1969, died at his home in Genoa on September 16. He was 71. The first non-Anglo-Saxon

yachtsman to hold the office, Lydia Fanny Matthews, of Croce combined a life racing Ossett, West Yorkshire, left boats of all classes at the Croce combined a life racing highest levels with a distinguished administrative career. During his stewardship, the IYRU increased its membership by 50 per cent to 93 countries, with far-reaching effects on the development of yacht racing all over the world.

He managed several Italian Olympic teams, presided over a number of Olympic juries, organized the 1960 Olympic regatta at Naples, and also led the first Italian challenge for the America's Cup at New-port, Rhode Island, in 1983. Andrea Giuseppe Emilio

Croce was born in Genoa on December 11, 1914. At nine he received the present of his first boat, an international 12foot dinghy. This whetted an appetite for competition which was to lead him through international 5.5-metre, 6-metre and One Ton competitions, to the 6-metre international class in the 1948 Lake Garda in 1964. After a Olympic regatta at Torquay. He was also active in offshore and ocean racing, and sailed three times in the Fastnet race, as well as participating in the Bermuda and

Transpacific races.
In 1966 he became vicepresident of the IYRU, and in 1969 succeeded Sir Peter Scott as its president. His leadership led to a period of expansion more vigorous than any which had occurred since the

IYRU's inception in 1907. His Umberta, two sons and a enthusiasm did much for am-daughter.

ALFRED FAGON

heart attack on August 29, at the age of 49, was a remarkable actor and, in his work as a playwright, an influential exponent of black writing in this country.

His plays take as their theme the relationship between the cultures of the English and Caribbean peoples, their friendships and conflicts.

He was born in Clarendon, Jamaica. on June 25, 1937, into a large and close family of eight brothers and two sisters. He left school at 13 and worked with his father as a cultivator on their orange plantation.

In 1955 he came to England. where he worked on the railways in Nottingham. He joined the Army in 1958. serving for four years and becoming middleweight boxing champion in the Royal Corps of Signals.

On leaving the Army he travelled around England. singing calypso and taking

No more suitable officer. could have been found, buteven so there was never a very, happy understanding with his opposite numbers. In April 1942 he was posted to air headquarters in India, thus escaping the worst Russian clamour for a Second Front.

in November 1943 he returned to England as Deputy AOC-in-C of Transport Command, which had developed. out of Ferry Command and was now learning the new tasks imposed by modern war. Though the command had to rely mainly on American aircraft, its importance was recognized by the Chiefs of Staff. and with Lend-Lease help its. development was rapid. Collier remained as Deputy AOCin-C until the end of the war.

His last RAF appointment was in February 1946, when he was given command of... No.3 Group, Bomber Com-mand, But almost immediately it was announced that he was leaving the service to become director-general (later controller) of technical services in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

It was an appointment for which his experience at Transport Command fitted him well, and again, making the best use of largely American. equipment, he contributed ably to the struggling recreation of post-war civil avia- · tion. But differences arose on " policy matters and, in February 1948, he tendered his resignation to the minister. Lord Nathan, Later he became chief executive of the guided weapons division of English Electric Aviation Ltd, but retired in 1960.

As well as his British decorations he held a number of foreign awards, including the French Legion of Honour and the Croix de Guerre, the Dutch Order of Orange Nassau, and the Czech Order of the White Lion. For a time he was a DL of Kent. He was a man of quiet

competence: friendly and polite, if a little reserved. He married, first, Mary

Luis, who died in 1961. They had two sons and a daughter. In 1963 he married Kathleen

BEPPE CROCE



ateur yachting throughout theworld, and particularly encouraged it in developing: countries.

In the Olympic sphere his talents as a diplomat were invaluable in reconciling in-ternational differences, as the Games became increasingly political.

Croce was copiously honoured, but of all his achievements, racing or organizing, the one he liked to say he most valued was his victory in the Centomiglia race on stormy night, which strewed the surface of the lake with masts, spars and damaged rudders, his boat led home the three contestants surviving out of an entry of fifty.

A man of true Genoese temper, rather reserved, hostile to rhetoric or exaggeration, he lived for sailing and always counted his days under canvas the happiest of his

He leaves a widow,

performing in John Bull for ...

Alfred Fagon, who died of a HTV in 1969. In 1970 he made his first

professional stage appearance in Mustapha Matura's Black Pieces at the Institute of Contemporary Arts. Thereafter he appeared in many television. film, radio and theatre roles, most recently in BBC relevision's five-part drama series, Fighting Back.

His plays include 11 Josephine House at the Almost . Free Theatre 1972: Shakespeare Country, BBC2: No Soldiers in St Pauls, Metro Club, 1974; Death of a Black Man. Foco Novo Theaire Company and Hampstead Theatre 1975; Four Hundred Pounds. Foco Novo and The Royal Court, 1983; Lonely Cowboy. The Tricycle, 1985.

At the time of his death he. had completed a series of poems called *H aterwell*. He lived a simple and spartan life, dedicated to his work and writing; but to his his close friends reavled great

exuberance and energy. Though never married, he extra work in television prior had a daughter, of whom he to researching, writing and was very fond.

Hulary and Christian, a daughter.

MONEY - On September, 18th to Sally
nee Staples) and John Kyrle, a son.
Oliver, a brother for Kate, Trishi and Jory
TEVERSON On September 18th, to
Journa time Gore-Booth; and Paul, a
daughter. Cathryn Frances.
TREMADIE On Scolember 18th, to
Terest one Thickil and Ian, a son,
Mark John LLoyd.

BIRTHS BEGG - On September 15th, at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, to Sally (nee Stewart) and Alan, a son, Henry Stewart, a prother for Henry Stewart. a grotter for Jonahan.

BSHOP On September 11th. at St. Thomas' Hospital. 10 Anthea Intel Titrey) and Christopher, twin daughters. Lurie Henricital Marie and Gabrielle Susanna Marie, sisters to Charles and Hugo
BROWN - On September 19th. to Claire (née Milhe) and Harry. In Johannesburg. South Africa. a daughter, Julie.

BURBUREY - On September 17th, to Caroline and Michael. a son.

GARNOCK - On September 18th. 1956, to Diana, wife of Viscount Gai nock. a daughter.

EDGLEY-PYSHORN - On September 15th. 1986, to Penny and Michael. a daughter. Charlotte Alexandra.

HARPÉR - On July 20th. at San Antonio. Tevas, to Anti (née Vandeventer) and Michael, a daughter, Helen. a half sister to Charlotte. 1986, to Penny and Frederick.

Felicity

HINT On September 6th, 1986, to

Matthew and Alson, a boy, Edward

Peter William. peier William.

JONES - On September 11th. to Carol
uner Rowling) and Martin, a daughter. Cutor Louise.

MINDERSLEY - On September 18th. to

ANNIVERSARIES INEYRICK: LASHEROOK - On Sep-lember 20th, 1936, John Edward to Dorothy June. Now at Cavendish Square, Longheld, Kent.

CANTER - On September 18th, in Ep-som Hospital, after a short illness. Edith, aged 80. of 11 Birdshill Road, Oxshott. Durling wife of 52 years of George. She will be sorely missed. No flowers piecse. Service at Randalis Park Crematorium. Leatherhead on Thursday September 25th at 2,30pm Park Crematoritate, actuality and proceedings of the Collife. On 16th September, peacefully in Poole after a short illness. Air Vice Marshal Sir Conrad Collier. Vice Marshal Sir Conrad Collier. Vice Marshal Sir Conrad Collier, viceceased 1961), dear father of John, Peter and Espeth (deceased 1976), brother of Marsh and a devoted grandfather and great grandfather. Funeral service at the Church of the Holy Angels, Lilliput, Poole on Tuesday 23rd September at 12 noon followed by cremation at Pool Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, for the League of Friends, Poole General Hospital, may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32-34 Parkstone Rd. Poole.

DAVES: Peacefully on 18th September.

(HOMPSON - On September 16th, at Si Goerge's Hospital, to Elizabeth (nee Roth) and Benjamin, a son, Maximilitian Hugh Benjamin,

ADOPTIONS

MOTYER - By Stephen and Valerie, of The Rectory, Albury, Herts, a daugh-ter, Care, Joanna Holty, a sister for Geoffrey and Robert.

MARRIAGES

DEATHS

NKC. 32:34 Parkstone Rd. Poole.

DAVIES Peacefully on 18th September at Bronglas Hospital.

Aberystwyth, Dr Elwyn, of 4 Trefor Rd. Aberystwyth, Dr Elwyn, of 4 Trefor Rd. Aberystwyth, President of the National Library of Wales and former Permanent Serretary. Weish Dopartment, Ministry of Education.

Beloved Husband of the late Margaret, Funeral service at Capel Newydd. LLandello, Nr Dyfod, Llandello, Nr Dyfod, Llandello, Nr Dyfod, Llandello, Nr Dyfod, Tuesday 23rd September at 2pm.

TURNER - On September 19th, to Clare and Philip Turner, a daughter, a sister for Louise and Mary. WORTHINGTON - On September 11th. 1986. to Gwen and Chris, a son, John. a brother for Ben.

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

BAYLY: 40NDS - The marriage took place on September 18th, at St Peter's Church, Dorchester, between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs E H Bayly, of Sheepstor, Devon, and Lea, daughter of Mr and Mrs J E Joses, of Dorchester. of Dorchester,

MARSTON: SCOTT - The marriage took place on September 13th, 1996, at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Barton Turf, between Hugh Marston. son of Dr M S Marston and Mrs E M Marston and Philippa Scott. daughter of Mr and Mrs Justin Scot.

MILSON: NEAL - On September 17th.

at Uxbridge. Dr Devid Wilson, elder
son of Captain and Mrs Robert
Wilson of Whyteleate, to Miss Linda
Neal, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
Neal, of Uxbridge.

COLDEN

the guests.

sent to T.H. Saunders and Sons. 30 Kew Road. Richmond.

De followed by cremaion of College (College College Co

LIREWEINSTEIN ON SEPTEMBER ISIN 1996. In London, Princess Hearieft zu, aged 78 years, effer a long illness most courageously borne, fortified by the Rites of Hoty Church, R.L.P., Requiem Mass, Hoty Cross Church, Ashington Rd, London SW6, at noon on Thursday, September 25th, Private burial thereafter, Flowers to the church.

THOMAS On September 18th. 1986, peacefully at Hindhead. Mary (Mamie) Georgina Thomas. aged 91 years, Seloued wife of the late Brigader William Thomas. Joving mother of Swinton and grandmother of Melissa and Dominic. Requiem Mass at St. Anselm's Church. Beacon Hill. at 11.15am, on Wednesday, September 28th, Flowers to Gould & Chapman Grayshott. Survey.

WHITE A E · On September 20th, 1967. Arthur Edward, so dearly loved husband and father. Also Milli-cent his wife, July 30th, 1977.

DOUGLAS - On September 15th, 1986. Gertrude Marie (formerty Brookes), peacefully after a short illness, aged 82 years, of West Street, Warwick, Reutstein Mass, at St. Joseph's Chinch, Whilassh, Leamington Spa. on Friday. September 25th, at 2.30pm, followed by cremation at Cakley Wood Crematorium: reception on Thursday September 25th, at 5pm, Family flowers only please, donations if desired, to Myton Hamilet

EDWARDS - On September 18th, peacefully at home, Liffa Adelaide of Richmond, Surrey, adored wife of Desmond, Crettation will take place at Mortilate Crematorium at 2,30pm on September 26th, Flowers may be

ELLIOTT. Dr Stuart Dunemore - On Wednesday, Seplember 17th, 1986. suddenly in Cambridge. Talented and highly respected fellow of Corpus Christi College. Cambridge. Flumeral Service at Corpus Christi College Cambridge. on Friday. September 26th, at 10.45am, to be followed by cremation

NARMER - On September 17th, at home, Cyril, dearly loved husband. father and grandfather. Funeral

private.

MART - peacefully on September 18th.

1986, its (wife of the laie R. G. Hart.
Uganda Cotonial Service). No flowers. Cremation private.

MUSHARD - Naomi Day Hurnard.

D.Phil. late of Lady Margaret Hall.
Oxford. Died 29th August. 1986.

after a short filmess. LOEWENSTEIN On Sept

SCOTT - On September 17th, 1986, at Henley-on-Thames, lan Walter, aged 73 years, loved husband of Anne Mary, Funeral at Sacred Heart Church, Henley-on-Thames, on Wednesday, September 24th, at 10.30am, Flowers to Tomatin & Sons, Henley.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

Howe to meet Tambo today

By Martin Fletcher Political Reporter

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, will meet Mr Oliver Tambo, acting head of the outlawed African National Congress, at Chevening, his official residence in Kent, this morning.

The meeting announced yesterday, was immediately condemned as "appalling" and "disgraceful" by Conservative right-wingers who are to meet next week to decide on a response.

In the past the Government had always refused to meet the ANC until it renounced the use of violence.

In June the Government softened its line when Mrs Lynda Chalker, the Foreign Office Minister of State, became the first British minister to meet Mr Tambo. But two months ago ANC leaders re-fused to meet Sir Geoffrey in Lusaka during his EEC mission to southern Africa.

Today's meeting has come about after statements by Mr Tambo at the Non-Aligned summit in Harare last month to the effect that he would be happy to meet Sir Geoffrey provided it was not in the context of that mission.

Officially the invitation has come from Sir Geoffrey, who is saying that he still wishes to hear from as wide a range of opinion within South Africa

But the meeting has enraged Tory right-wingers. Mr John Carlisle, the MP for Luton North, said yesterday. "It is disgraceful that the British Foreign Secretary should demean himself by talking to members of a terrorist organization.

However, Mr Hugh Dykes, the moderate MP for Harrow East and founder member of Conservatives for Fundamental Reform in South Africa, said he was delighted about the meeting.

 Sir Geoffrey is to stop for talks with the Governor and senior officials in Hong Kong next month on his way to China for the Queen's visit.

Russians count the ruinous cost of Chernobyl

The crippling blow dealt to the Soviet economy by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster was officially acknowledged yesterday by Mr Boris Gostev, the Finance Minister, who that total direct and indirect costs of the incident were now estimated at 2 billion roubles (£1.9 billion).

In addition, the minister told a special news conference that a total area of 950 square miles around the stricken reactor had been declared unfit for anything but the decontamination work now being carried out by special squads of soldiers assisted by volunteers from all parts of the Soviet Union. These workers were receiving twice their nor-mal wage in tien of danger

Due to the large amounts of compensation needed to assist some 135,000 evacuees who had lost both their homes and most of their possessions, plus ancillary costs including construction of thousand new homes, Mr Gostev dis-closed that the state had alread paid 500 million rou-bles (£466 million) from the budget, and a further 100 million roubles from its insurance organization. "And we

The high costs of the ster — which are continudisaster — which are continuing to rise daily as the large clean-up operation continues — plus the slump in the world price of oil are blamed by Western experts for the Soriet Union's current dire shortage of hard currency.

This has caused new short-ages of consumer products because it has reduced the ability to buy-in from abroad. For the first time, Mr Gostev and four other leading Soviet officials spelt out in detail the enormous size of the detail the enormous size of the rescue operation, which includes a follow-up medical programme for all the evacuees being carried out by a medical team of 5,000 Soviet physicians backed by a further 9,000 paramedics.

According to the Minister, who has borne much of the personal responsibility for ding the funds to cope with aster, all the evacuees have now been found new jobs. Every family forced to flee The tangled wreckage of Chernobyl: this photograph, taken three weeks ago, was released yesterday by Tass. will be given a free home or flat and a new commission has been established to adjudicate

contested compensation claims, he said. Questioned about whether the Kremlin intended to pay compensation to foreign countries for damage caused by the nuclear fallout, Mr Gostev hinted strongly that although the matter was still being "debated", the final answer

would be no.

The World Health
Organization has already said that no significant damage was

caused to people in other countries," he replied.

Mr Oleg Shchepin, a First Deputy Minister of Health, said that the death toll from the dilector remained at 21 the diester remained at 31, with 11 of the 2,000 people initially admitted to hospitals

still there. He claimed that the Sovie authorities did not expect any further admissions from radiation sickness, but pointedly avoided any reference to the

WHO to establish accident service Copenhagen (Reuter) - The World Health Organization

(WHO) is to set up a European information service for nuclear accidents in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster.It is also to seek ways of improving international co-ordination to limit effects of radioactive fallout and will study fallout's effects on

health. fears expressed in the West that thousands of long-term cancer deaths may result from

the disaster. • THE HAGUE: The Dutch Government has decided to postpone until 1988 a decision on whether to build more nuclear power plants in the wake of Chernobyl (AP

reports).
Mr Ed Nijpels, the Environ ment Minister, told the Dutch Parliament's standing committee on the environ this week that the postpor ment move had been made because the Government wanted to await the outcome of a number of official inquiries set up after the disaster.

The postponement marks another episode in the continuing debate between the centreht coalition Government of r Rand Labbers and a oncestrong anti-nucieza which flared in again after the Chornobyl accident. anti-nuclear lob Chernobyl inquest, page 8

Tough line by Reagan on Daniloff

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missile warheads, and will instead propose a reduction closer to 30 per cent. The move would significantly move would significantly close the gap between the US and Soviet positions on ballistic missile warheads.

The Shultz-Shevardnadze

talks are not expected to produce a firm date for any summit meeting between Mr Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, in Washington later this war in Washington later this year.
They are focussing on each country's arms control proposals, as well as disagreements on human rights issues and regional disputes like Afghanistan, with the aim of determining in principle if a summit would be fruitful.

Mr Shuitz had made it clear

that he would begin his talks with Mr Shevardnadze by demanding the early and un-conditional release of Mr Daniloff, Moscow correspon dent of US News & World Report, who was arrested on August 30 and later charged with espionage.

The Administration main-

tains that he was picked up in direct retaliation for the arrest last month of Mr Gennady Zakharov, a Soviet employee of the United Nations secretariat, who has been charged in New York with

spying.
Mr Shevardnadze warned bluntly on arrival at Andrews
Air Force base on Thursday
that years of "confrontation
and dangerous contention"
might lie ahead if Washington and Moscow failed to make headway in the sessions.

MOSCOW The official soviet government newspaper Izvestia last night launched a bitter personal attack on Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Sesretary, for his comparison of the KGB's arrest of Mr Daniloff with the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl (Christopher Walker writes).

Soviet anger was provoked by Sir Geoffrey's observation during a visit to Washington last week that the arrest of Mr Daniloff, which both British and American officials here are convinced was "set up". was "a kind of moral Chernobyl which risks poison-ing the whole field of East-West-relations".

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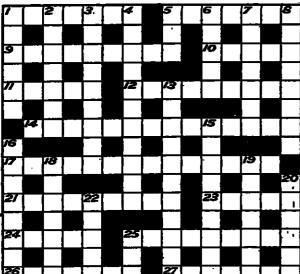
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,156 A prize of The Times Atlas of World History will be given for the first of three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, I Virginia Street, London, EI 9XN. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mrs A Boys-Strong, Randle House, Corbridge, Northumberland; Mr M Fairbairn, Elder Cottages, Hatch Beauchamp, Taunton, Somerset; Dr J Mackay, The Old Post Office, Tormarton.

Name. Address.



ACROSS -1 By accident, left somewhere in church (7).

5 Keep right away from wit-

9 Confuse a girl with more rambling talk (9). 10 Soft drink without fruit (5).

11 Round gold coin (5).

12 Ĥappy-go-lucky midship-man on his way (4-5).

14 Win no matter what palindromes do (4,2,4,4). 17 What 15 has, in financial

terms (6,8).

21 Plead with plant to yield (9).

23 Put down a foundation (5).

24 Helped, investing money once in a fresh idea (5).

25 Many cheat in the prelimi-nary stages of bridge game

Concise Crossword, page 17

26 Serious art making money 27 Rats escape (3.4).

1 Box in Sydney (6). 2 Garble a translation, using

letters instead of figures (7). Plan the water supply for Churchill's home (9).

4 Most rambling, common plant (11). 5 Poem due for recitation (3).

6 The second archbishop to use abusive language (5). 7 Knock-down price a pound for a model (7).

8 The work I put in points to pep (8).

13 Who gets half drunk to make an appearance?

(4.3.4).15 Plant seller - the man has a catalogue (9).

16 Like Hook, for instance, using his head (8). Fighter man to adore? No. no, not 'e! (7).

19 Pig. devouring fish and fowl 20 Woolly animal (6).

22 Crest - bird has part missing (5). 25 Lay a girl (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,155 | Today's events

Royal engagements The Prince of Wales visits the Moorcock and District Agri-cultural Society's annual show, Mossdale, N Yorkshire, 12.25. Last chance to see

At Home: Scottish Interiors 1820-1929; The Fine Art Sociery, 12 Great King St. Edinbargh, 10 to 1. History of Dudley Castle lames's Rd. Dudley, 10 to 5.

Music Concert by The Cathedral Singers and Orchestra; Liverpeol Cathedral, 7.30. Concert by the English String Orchestra; Tewkesbury Abbey,

Concert by the Academy of St Olave's, St Olave's, Marygate, York, 8. Concert by the Wells Sinfonietta and Anna Markland (piano); Wells Cathedral, 7.30. General

Severn Valley Railway Enthu-siasts Weekend: Bewdley Rail-way Station, Worcs, today and morrow 10 to 6. Sheffield Festival: Craft Day Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, 10 to 5; Little Mesters Day, Leadmille Arts Centre, 11; Railway Modelling exhibition and display, Science and Technology display, Science and Technology Library, Central Library, 10 to 5; Fayre, High Green Training Centre, Westwood Rd, 2. Antiquarian Bookdealers Fair, Guildhall, Winchester, 10

American Civil War Week end; The American Museum in Britain, Claverton Manor, Bath, today and tomorrow 2 to 5. Armageddon '86; The Hexagon, Queen's Walk, Reading, today and tomorrow 10.30 to 5.

Tomorrow

Last chance to see

Retrospective work of John
Bellany: Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Belford Rd,
Edinburgh, 2 to 5.
Break in the Seal: photographs of Handsworth, Birmingham and New York, USA;
by Vanley Burke and Pogus
Caesar; Herbert Art Gallery and
Museum. Jordan Well. Cov-Museum, Jordan Well, Cov-entry, 2 to 5.

entry, 2 to 5.

Energy World; Shenley Lodge, Watting St. Milton Keynes, 10 to 6.

Drawings by Welsh Artists 1900-1960; National Museum of Wales, Main Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff, 2.30 to 5.

Scotland and India; National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 2 to 5.

Minesie

Music Guitar recital by Carlos Paredes, Luisa Maria Amara and Simon Wynberg, Shotover House, Wheatley, Oxon, 7.30.

Merrie England: Concert by the Mozart Orchestra and Changedon Suite Education Choir, Clarendon Suite, Edg-baston, Birmingham, 7.45. Concert by the Schubert Ensemble of London; Fermoy Centre, King's Lynn, Norfolk, 3.

Recital by the Alexandra Trio; Brune Park School, Mili-tary Rd. Gosport, 7.30. General Autumn Craft Fair: Meadowhank Inn, Arbroath, 11 to 5.
North Wales Music Festival,
Asaph, Clwyd, today until Sept
27: for further details tel: (0745)

Gardens open

P - Please for sale TODAY AND OTHER DAYS.

Absolvenshire: Kildrummy Castle Gardens, by Afford; 18m S of Family on W of A97; gardens made in a quarry; the water

nveraray; lovely garden in gle sutstanding collection of plan n autumn; P; daily until end o

S.30 or dusk.

Nottinglumshire: Newstead Abbuy, 4m.

S of Mansfeld; lake, Japenese garden, rose garden, rock and heather garden, look garden, the garden garden, look garden, the garden garden, look garden, the garden garden garden garden garden garden garden garden garden grant garden, roses, honeysuchtes and other sounded plants; today, Wednesday and Thursday Sept 24 and 25; 2 to 6; last admission 5.30.

Witethire: Bowood House, 1m W of Calme off AA, 8 to Buck Hill; large rose plantings on formal burkers, magneticant orangen; time trees and shrubs; P.; daily until end of Sept. 11 to 6.

TOMORROW

Hampalshire: Mill Court, 3m NE of Alton on S side of A3; turn off immediately after crossing River Wey; medium sized garden; herbeccous, roses, clematis, autumn colour, rure weeping back; also open Sunday Sept 22; 2.30 to 8.

Deven: Vican's Head, Hayes Lane, East Budleigh, 2m N of Budleigh Salterton; 34 acres, many rare and unusual plants, hosses and lour national collections; 2 to 6.

Anniversaries

Upton Sinclair, novelist, was born at Baltimore, Maryland,

1878. 1878.
Deaths: Jacob Grimm, philologist and collector of folk tales, Berlin, 1863; Jean St-belius, Járvenpää, Finland, 1957; George Seferis, poet, Nobel laureate 1963, Athens, 1971.

TOMORROW Births: Girola preacher and martyr, Ferrara, 1452; John McAdam, inventor of the road surface of that name,

of the road strated or that name, Ayr. 1756; Sir Edmund Gosse, critic. London, 1849; H G Wells. Bromley, Kent, 1866; Gostav Holst, Cheltenham, 1874. 1874.
Deaths: Virgil, Brundisium,
(Brindisi), 19BC; Edward II,
reigned 1307-27, murdered
Berkeley Castle, Gloucestershire. 1327; Sir Walter Scott,
Abbotsford. Roxburgh, 1832;
Arther Schopenhauer, philosopher. Frankfurt, 1860.
Gold standard abandoned,
1031

Roads

The Midhades M1: Contraflow between junctions 27 (A808) and 28 (A38); no normbound entry at junction 27. M5: Contraflow between junction 4 (Edgware) and 5 (A41). Birmingham. M42: Lane closures between junction 3 (Raddilch) and 4 (Straford).

Wales and West M4: Resurfacing work eastbound between junction 15 (Calva) and 17 (Cheppenham). M5: Various lanctoruses and restrictions between junction 22 (ASS) and 25 (Wellingson). ASS: Traffic restrictions at vertous locations between Okehampton and Laurceston and Okehampton and Lewdown, Devon. The North: Mft: Lane closures at junction 23 (Merceystel); no serious delays expected. M61: Construction on new motorway lank on M67 at Bacow Snage guaction M67/M69; Inside lane closures both N and southbound. M68: Constructions 1

Soutland: MS (Clasgow): Construction work between junctions 17 (AS2) and 15 (Chang Cross), M74: Two way traffic on new northbound carriageway N of Leanabapow, Harshon, AS Outside lane closures around the clock at Finnorn bridge, inverness-shire, SE of Tomatin, and the control of the control

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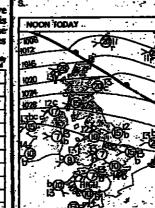
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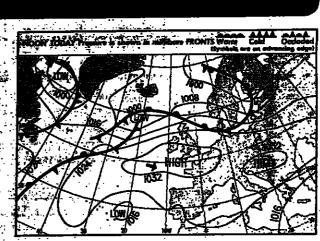
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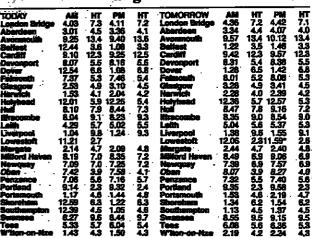
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